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Strangers try to lure schoolchildren

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An unidentified man approached and tried to entice William S. Reyes Elementary School students to follow him after school last month. Police later said there are actually three suspects: two women and one man.

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Conversion of Puerto Rico dump into a park takes off

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The long awaited closure of the Puerto Rico dumpsite and its planned conversion into a park inched closer to reality yesterday with a groundbreaking ceremony led by Gov. Eloy S. Inos and witnessed by U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther

Kia'aina.

This is one of the biggest federally funded capital improvement projects for the CNMI. Armed with an initial funding of more than \$20 million, the Inos administration awarded the project to a private contractor last March.

Monday's groundbreaking signals the start of work on the project, which took 12

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From left, Gov. Eloy S. Inos, U.S. Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, and Saipan Mayor David Apatang shovel sand during the groundbreaking ceremony for the Puerto Rico dumpsite closure on Monday.

NOAA Fisheries assure Navy findings will be adopted if deemed appropriate

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Responding to questions about the Marianas Islands training and testing area, NOAA Fisheries assure they will only adopt U.S. Navy impact documents if they are determined "adequate and appropriate."

Right now, the U.S. Navy is requesting permission for the incidental harm, or accidental injury, and harassment of thousands of dolphins and whales in the Marianas per year.

NOAA Fisheries would authorize this

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incidental take. Their authorizations for the Navy's current training expire on Aug. 3.

"NOAA Fisheries will only adopt the Navy's Marianas Islands Training and Testing study area environmental impact statement if we determine it to be adequate and appropriate," public af-

fairs director Connie Barclay said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

She was responding to questions whether NOAA Fisheries would adopt Navy findings that environmental groups like the Center of Biological Diversity say fail to consider a true "no action" alternative and alternatives

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DLNR submits preliminary findings on draft EIS

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The Department of Land and Natural Resources has submitted its preliminary comments on the draft environmental impact statement on military activities on Tinian and Pagan.

DLNR Secretary Richard Seman confirmed Monday that their comments have already been sent to the Office of the Governor.

"We already sent our preliminary comments to the governor. Everything will be consolidated in the Governor's Office," Se-

man said.

Once a third-party consultant comes on board, the DLNR's comments will be included in the review.

Seman added that as far as he knows, the government has yet to select the consultant to provide the review of the draft EIS, which details military exercises including bombings and "live-fire" activities.

The official said the DLNR "concentrated on endangered species—its main priority on the draft EIS—but is also trying to look into other areas."

Selection

Press secretary Ivan Blanco said that Monday was the final day of selection for the bidders of the draft EIS.

The bids have been opened, he said, and the top three bidders will be shortlisted and will be sent to the Governor's Office for final selection.

Hopefully, the consultant will be announced by this week, Blanco said. He noted that the

\$275,000 funding for the independent review of the draft EIS "may or may not be" fully used.

The government said it is seeking consultant services to ensure that it understands the DEIS, its potential positive and negative impacts, and all substantive options, including legal remedies if agreements and other mitigation measures with the military are unable to be reached.

One of the primary goals of the advisory consultant is to also "ensure that the Office of the Governor is well versed on the relevance of the DEIS and has a comprehensive understanding and appreciation of how the Department of Defense proposed action impacts the CNMI, including the direct and indirect impacts, especially those that are less obvious and potentially harmful over

the long term operation of live-firing (high explosives) training ranges."

The advisory consultant is also expected to ensure and enable the Office of the Governor "to make informed decisions on behalf of the CNMI."

The consultant is also expected to provide a "reasonable analysis" of the draft EIS and provide counsel and recommendations.

Natural Resources Month, Saipan Agricultural Fair Day proclaimed

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A proclamation declaring June as the Natural Resources Month and setting aside a day for the Saipan Agricultural Fair was signed yesterday at the Garapan Public Market.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed the proclamation.

Among those present at the signing were Department of Land and Natural Resources Secretary Richard Seman, Garapan Public Market president and volunteer Maria Frica Pangelinan, and Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Hart.

Members of the college's 4H Club and student winner of the Agricultural Fair's theme contest from Chacha Ocean View Middle School read the proclamation.

The proclamation is intended for all farmers, fishermen, ranchers, hunters, gatherers, and for those who rely on our natural resources as a means of survival, subsistence, and business.



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA
Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres sign the proclamation documents at the Garapan Public Market.

The theme for 2015 is "Farmers and Ranchers Bring Life to our Islands," to recognize their hard work, initiative, and self-sufficiency.

The proclamation is also "a call for celebration and appreciation to our farmers and ranchers who bring life to our islands."

Inos and Torres "urge all citizens to appreciate what Mother Nature has provided for us and

foster meaningful stewardship of our resources for our future generations" and "to appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing healthy, abundant, and affordable products, and to recognize the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a robust local economy."

They also called on people of the Commonwealth to value, appreciate, and protect the natu-

ral resources of the CNMI.

The Saipan Agricultural Fair Day is set on June 27 and will be held at the Civic Center in Susupe.

"[The proclamation] is a reminder for the community that the leadership of the government is supporting the local production of goods. We cannot sustain just by importing," Pangelinan said.

Board discusses amendment to zoning law

"Typos" and long sought clarification of sections of the Saipan Zoning Law were corrected in a recent amendment to the statute.

This was gathered during a Zoning board meeting late last Thursday after board members asked for clarification on the passage of Senate Local Bill 19-03, authored by Sen. Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan).

The bill drew the ire of some lawmakers who were not to keen on the amendment's exemption of Best Sunshine International, Ltd.'s from certain zoning prohibitions.

During the board meeting, counsel Kate Fuller told board members that the bill also clarified a section of the law that were "not terribly clear."

"There was also a typo in that bill at the first time it was passed. We wanted to correct that typo and we wanted to clarify exactly where the poker establishments

are allowed," she said.

Both Zoning administrator Therese Ogomoro and Fuller both noted inconsistencies in an earlier amendment to the bill in 2013.

For example, distance prohibitions were 300 feet in one section and 200 feet in another section. On top of this, the language about what districts were set was not clear.

"We've been trying to correct it," said Ogomoro said, but it was left idle among other legislation since 2013.

"The language was very confusing," added Fuller.

To one member's concern that the board was not informed about the amendment, chair Diego Blanco said it was his opinion that "the Legislature can amend the law with or without our consent."

"They have done it before," he said. (Dennis B. Chan)

Secondary roads leading to popular beaches being cleared

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Mayor David M. Apatang's beautification project is now focusing on road clearing for degraded pathways leading to popular tourist sites and beaches.

Apatang said that Tank Beach and Marine Beach have been cleared of vegetation and potholes have been covered.

"We are in collaboration with Marianas Visitors Authority to do some road clearing to popular beaches that tourists have been going to recently because we not only want them but also our residents who visit these beaches to be safe and less pressured when driving on these pathways," Apatang said.

Joann Aquino, field operations director for the Saipan Mayor's Office, said they have been working on the Forbidden Island Road since last week.

Forbidden Island is a popular tourist site in Kagman, with more than 20 tourist-rented vehicles usually going there everyday. However, some

tourists get stuck in the deep potholes, causing problems not only for tourists but residents as well.

"We have been working on that since last week. We have widened the area because it is a little small for cars to go through. We're doing road clearing, vegetation from trees and bushes are being cleared, and covering a lot of the huge holes there," Aquino said.

"We are going to do Obyan and Lao Lao Beach as well. The road to Lao Lao Beach is very bad and vegetation growth is already going into the roadways. So we're clearing these areas," she added.

So far for the beautification project, more than 25 loads of trash the size of a dump truck has been recovered from villages and typhoon debris as well since February of this year.

'Tourists need to slow down'

Apatang said his staff have encountered some problems during the clearing of the roads, particularly tourists who drive fast.

"I want to encourage tour operators to inform their clients that they need to slow down when they are driving. Tourists who drive through these areas are sometimes driving way too fast. This is not only a safety problem but it degrades the cars and it is also too dangerous. Tour operators need to be aware and be more responsible in informing tourists of the dangers in driving on these roads," he said.

According to Apatang, he has encountered tourists driving close to 40 miles on a dirt road.

"That is not safe. They have to be more careful," he said.

E-waste removal

Apatang said he is still working on getting electronic wastes out

from villages.

Among the 25 loads of trash that his office has cleared, majority of the electronic waste are from Chalan Kanoa, where some of the staff are still cleaning and removing trash until now.

Apatang said that he has met with several people regarding e-waste.

"The Environmental Protection Agency needs to do some environmental survey before we can do anything about e-waste removal," he said.

Apatang earlier told *Saipan Tribune* that he is working with a trash collection company to remove e-waste.

Electronic scrap components, such as CRTs, may contain contaminants such as lead, cadmium, beryllium, or brominated flame retardants. Disposal of e-waste may involve significant risk to workers and communities and great care must be taken to avoid unsafe exposure in recycling operations and leaking of materials such as heavy metals from landfills and incinerator ashes.



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DPL decision to stop Tuesday Market 'misinterpreted'

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The decision of the Department of Public Lands to deny a request from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to resume the Tuesday Night Market in Garapan was "misinterpreted."

DPL Secretary Pedro A. Tenorio, in an interview, said the decision was made "not because we want to deny farmers their right to earn, but because the permit expired, and that they never renewed it."

According to Tenorio, "all they [farmers] have to do is renew it."

Tenorio added that there are two groups debating whether the Tuesday Market will compete with Thursday Market.

One group wants to stop the Tuesday event, because they want to promote the growth of the Garapan Public Market.

"It is not for me to decide who is right or who is wrong. It is a policy decision, and that they're going to have to get together. If their decision is to continue the Tuesday Market, we're going to issue the permit, but if there is a continuing fight, I don't want to be in it," Tenorio said.

He added that it is the responsibility of the groups to renew their permits and not the DPL's. Tenorio also said Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero (R-Saipan) "was wrong and misinterpreted the letter."

Guerrero earlier denounced the decision of the DPL to stop the Tuesday Market as it might negatively affect tourism. Guerrero also said the DPL chief "might be anti-tourism."

"[That is] so irrelevant. I don't know what the Tuesday Market has to do with tourism. He's confused about the facts," Tenorio said, adding that the reason for the decision was clearly written in the letter.

On May 5, DPL issued a letter to the DLNR. It said DLNR "requested to resume the Tuesday Night Market at the Garapan Fishing Base compound and to waive any permit fee."

In its response, DPL said the temporary authorization issued to DLNR on Sept. 19, 2011, expired on Sept. 20, 2013.

The TA was not renewed, the DPL said.

"The DPL assigned a portion of the Garapan Fishing Base public land to DLNR to operate a public market. Representa-

tives from the Garapan Public Market have eventually registered their concerns regarding the resumption of the Tuesday Market activities even at night," the letter reads.

"Therefore, for this and other reasons stated above, we regret to inform you of DPL's decision denying the DLNR's request to continue the Tuesday Market at Garapan."

According to Tenorio, the decision was clearly stated in the letter.

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4 charged for marriage fraud

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Four persons were indicted in federal court for allegedly conspiring in a fraudulent marriage solely in order for two of them to obtain green cards.

Qiong Lu Pua, Zhenqing Lu, Baoqin Ding, and Norma Nekaifes were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States. In addition, Nekaifes and Lu were charged with marriage fraud.

The indictment was filed in federal court last April 22, but U.S. District Court for the NMI unsealed all documents and proceedings only last Thursday.

The U.S. government last week asked the court to unseal all documents and proceedings in this case, saying the need to seal the matter is no longer necessary since the defendants have either been arrested or are no longer in the U.S.

Federal agents arrested Pua last April 28 in Tumon, Guam. She was subsequently released on a \$10,000 secured bond.

Pua pleaded not guilty. Attorney Timothy Bellas served as her court-appointed counsel.

Nekaifes was summoned to appear in court. The court ordered her pre-trial release.

At her initial appearance last April 29, she pleaded not guilty. Attorney Colin Thompson served as her court-appointed counsel.

The jury trial will be on July 6 for Pua and Nekaifes.

It is not clear yet whether defendants Lu and Ding are still in the CNMI or have already left.

According to the indictment, between June 2010 and July 2011 on Saipan, the four conspired to defraud U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the determination of eligibility for lawful permanent residency of a foreign national.

The purpose of the conspiracy was to fraudulently obtain permanent resident status for Lu and Ding through a fraudulent marriage.

In the summer of 2010, Pua allegedly approached Nekaifes and asked if her boyfriend,

Benigno Mettao, would marry Ding so that she could receive a green card.

In October 2010, Pua, Nekaifes, Ding, and others met at Pua's residence to discuss details of Ding's fraudulent marriage to Mettao.

On Dec. 9, 2010, Ding married Mettao. Nekaifes and Pua attended the wedding and signed the marriage certificate as witnesses.

After the wedding ceremony, Pua and Nekaifes, among others, took staged photographs of the newlyweds at various places on Saipan, including Pua's home.

Federal agents arrested Mettao last March 17 and an indictment was filed in court charging him with one count of false statement in connection with his alleged fraudulent marriage with Ding.

Sometime before January 2011, Pua allegedly approached Nekaifes and asked if she wanted to marry her brother, Lu, in exchange for \$1,100 cash.

On May 10, 2011, Lu flew from China to Saipan. On the same day, Pua introduced Lu to Nekaifes, a U.S. citizen, for the purposes of the two entering into a fraudulent marriage.

On May 12, 2011, Lu and Nekaifes applied for a marriage license. Pua then allegedly made a partial payment to Nekaifes in the amount of \$800 in exchange for her agreement to marry Lu.

On May 16, 2011, Lu married Nekaifes.

On July 18, 2011, Nekaifes submitted a Form I-130 wherein she petitioned USCIS for Lu to obtain immigration benefits.

Lu also submitted Form I-485 wherein he requested the U.S. to grant him permanent legal status based on his marriage to Nekaifes.

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Judge: US Treasury has authority to regulate casinos in NMI

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled yesterday that the U.S. Congress has given the U.S. Department of the Treasury Secretary the authority to regulate casinos in the CNMI.

Manglona said because Treasury has been duly authorized by Congress under a statute to expand the definition of the United States to include the CNMI, and because Treasury has in fact promulgated regulations consistent with that authority, it has the authority to enact regulations to prevent money laundering by casinos licensed in the CNMI.

Manglona discussed the Treasury Secretary's authority in her order that denied the owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino's motion to dismiss the indictment against the company for lack of federal jurisdiction and failure to state an offense.

Manglona said Treasury's

first regulation of casino gaming was targeted at casinos licensed "by a state or local government."

The judge said in the 1994 Money Laundering Suppression Act, Congress clearly modeled the first part of its definition of casino on the Treasury definition.

Two years later, Manglona said, Treasury extended the reach of the Bank Secrecy Act again to include the CNMI when it revised the regulatory definitions of "United States" and "Territories and Insular Possessions."

The U.S. government filed in November last year 158 criminal charges against Hong Kong Entertainment, owner of Tinian Dynasty.

The charges are one count of conspiracy to cause a financial institution to fail to file a currency transaction report or CTR, 155 counts of failure to file a CTR, one count of failure to file a suspicious activity report, and one count of failure to maintain an effective anti-

money laundering program. The indictment has also a notice of forfeiture.

HKE, through counsel Bruce Berline, has moved to dismiss the indictment on grounds that it was not obligated to file CTRs because Congress has not given Treasury the authority to regulate casinos in the CNMI.

Berline asserted that HKE is not subject to Treasury regulation as a casino because it is not "licensed as a casino... under the laws of any state or any political subdivision of any state."

Berline said Tinian Dynasty casino is licensed under the laws of the CNMI, which is not one of the 50 states.

Berline asserted that although the Bank Secrecy Act now defines "United States" to include the CNMI, "when the Treasury Secretary prescribes by regulation," the statutory definition of casino doesn't use the term "United States."

Therefore, Berline argued, that the term "state," which is

not defined, cannot be read to include the CNMI.

Berline pointed out that the attempt of the Treasury Secretary to exert authority over a CNMI-licensed casino by crafting the regulatory definition of "financial institution" as such in the United States, fails because it conflicts with the statutory definition.

In the U.S. government's response, the U.S. Attorney's Office said it is prosecuting the Tinian Dynasty not as a state-licensed casino, directly under the statute, but as a CNMI-licensed casino as prescribed by Treasury regulation.

The prosecution asserted that the Tinian Dynasty is subject to the Bank Secrecy Act's reporting requirements for financial institutions under the first catch-all definition of that term, which allows the Treasury Secretary to regulate activities it determines are "similar to, related to or a substitute for any activity" specifically listed as a financial institution.

In denying HKE's motion to

dismiss, Manglona pointed out that from its inception in 1970, the Bank Secrecy Act granted the Treasury Secretary authority to expand the term "United States" to include "the possessions of the United States."

Manglona said that, in 1986, just a week before the Covenant between the U.S. and the people of the NMI came fully into effect, Congress amended the definition expressly to include the CNMI, as well as other U.S. territories and possessions.

Prior to 1995, the judge said, this definition, in conjunction with the subparagraph giving Treasury authority to regulate "similar" businesses, unques-

tionably would have allowed Treasury to make rules requiring casinos in the CNMI to report large cash transactions.

However, Manglona said, in the 1980's there were no casinos in the CNMI.

Manglona said the authority for a Commonwealth municipality to grant casino licenses was first established in 1990, after the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 was passed by local initiative.

Around this time, she said, casino gaming had just begun to branch out from Nevada to other states, with New Jersey amending its constitution in 1976 to allow casino gambling in Atlantic City.

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years and a number administrations to finally take off.

In his welcome speech, Inos said the project has gone through "three to four administrations, and numerous designs and redesigns" before the final plan was made and the work to start.

He said he has asked a final funding request of \$1.3 million for the project, and thanked the Office of the Insular Affairs for the funding support.

Kia'aina, in a gesture of support, handed over an additional funding of \$1.3 million in an award letter to Inos, who earlier spoke of sending the request to Kia'aina's office.

"Governor Inos is so effective, that I now have this grant letter for \$1.3 million as final installation for the project funding," Kia'aina said.

Totaling \$27 million, Kia'aina affirmed that the Puerto Rico dumpsite closure and improvement is so far the largest federally funded project in the CNMI.

Kia'aina, in an interview, said the project is "another example of how the federal government, through the Department of the Interior, works closely with the Northern Marianas for projects like this, which focus on protecting the environment, safeguard public health, and beautifying the island."

Project funding

CIP administrator Vicky Villagomez explained that the \$27 million was the total cost of the project, including those incurred during the past administrations.

"The initial cost was more than \$23 million for just the construction. But from the beginning, the total cost is nearly \$27 million, including management costs," Villagomez said.

She explained that after a "base bid" was made, the government had to add two more

components—booked into two additives—to the project, which includes further improvements and additional facilities.

In the final design, the park will have covered walks, landscaping, and lights, among others, Villagomez said.

She said the \$1.3 million will be spent on the improvements. The letter of request was sent by the Governor's Office last Thursday and was approved a few days after, she said.

Project duration is 540 days, and a notice to proceed was issued on May 18. Project completion is expected in November 2016.

The groundbreaking at the Puerto Rico site on the northwestern coast of Garapan marks the beginning of the first phase of a multi-million federal grant to stabilize and seal the solid waste landfill in accordance with an agreement between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the CNMI government.

Conversion

Located adjacent to Able Dock and Saipan Harbor and bordered by Tanapag Lagoon, the site was used for the disposal of nonhazardous solid waste between 1950 and 2003.

The conversion work will reduce migration of contaminated water into the lagoon, protect the toe and slopes of the dump from erosion, control storm-water, collect and safely treat or vent landfill gas, and provide public parkland.

The goal is to reduce migration of contaminated water into the lagoon, protect the toe and slopes of the dump from erosion, control storm-water, collect and safely treat or vent landfill gas, and provide limited public access while meeting full compliance with EPA administrative order on consent.

The scope of work includes the installation of dump static and seismic slope stability, installation of drainage and erosion control, installation of landfill gas system, and the final cover system.

NOAA

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with lesser impact.

Barclay said NOAA Fisheries is preparing its own National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA, document. This is a "Record of Decision" for the Navy's proposed activity and would include and address a "no-action

alternative," she said.

"This would be used for issuance of regulations, pursuant to section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, to the Navy for the taking of marine mammals incidental to the conduct of specified activities in the study area," she said.

Barclay was also directed to a court case in Hawaii, where a

federal judge in March ruled in favor of environmental groups who said the Navy failed to comply with the NEPA for similar sonar, and deep sea training there. Essentially, the court had found illegal the National Marine Fisheries Service, under NOAA, adoption of the Navy's findings in authorizing this training.

Center of Biological Diver-

sity senior attorney Marc Fink earlier agreed that the MITT impact documents were similar to the ones at issue in Hawaii "by failing to consider a true "no action" alternative, and by failing to consider a broad enough range of alternatives."

Barclay, though, did not directly comment on the Hawaii case or its relation to the Marianas.

STRANGERS

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Department of Public Safety acting spokesperson Jason Tarkong said yesterday that police are still working on getting a description of the suspects.

"At this time we are attempting to work on the descriptions of the suspects...three adults—two females and one male. ... They were attempting to lure elementary school kids into their vehicle last Friday. ...Please inform parents to be more vigilant and talk to their kids about never talking to strangers," Tarkong said.

In a Crime Stoppers notice issued last night, it was learned that on Thursday, May 28, 2015, after school at about 2:30pm, two suspicious strangers approached three minor children at WSR Elementary School.

The first suspect, described as a dark-skinned local male wearing a blue long-sleeved sweater with a hood, was enticing the three minor children by the school fence line across the Galaxy Snack Bar with candy, ice cream, and video games. Suspect No. 1 asked the children to follow him and get into a black four-door sedan parked across the street at the Galaxy Snack Bar.

Suspect No. 2, described

as female, skinny, with long blond hair and wearing a pair of see-through brown blouse covering a white spaghetti strap top, was taking a video of the children and Suspect No. 1 on her cell phone as he was offering the victims candies, ice cream, and video games, which they said was inside their car. The three children refused and immediately notified their teacher.

Both suspects got into the black four-door sedan with a third person, Suspect No. 3, who is also female and was described as light complexioned, with curly dark hair. Suspect No. 1 drove the sedan down to the south gate of the school and parked at the fence and again attempted to entice three other children into their car, offering them ice cream, candy, and video games. The children refused, ran to the school's main office, and reported the incident to school officials.

For anyone with information about this, contact Crime Stoppers at 234-7272 or visit their website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net. Crime Stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest.

DPS Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said the Commonwealth Bureau of

Investigation had interviewed potential witnesses in an attempt to identify the suspects.

Deleon Guerrero said that, while a crime has not been committed at this point, they are concerned that the actions taken by both individuals are indicative of predatory behavior.

He disclosed that he and the DPS police director and CBI commander met with the Public School System's safety officer Jack Diaz to assist DPS in informing all public and private schools about this development so that extra precautions can be taken to protect the children of the Commonwealth.

Deleon Guerrero said in addition, he ordered the police director to increase police visibility in areas frequented by school children, including school bus stops and school campus around the island.

"Lastly, I ask that all parents talk to their children to not accept gifts from or talk to strangers and should they be approached by strangers, to immediately report the encounter to their teacher," he said.

According to a notice issued by William S. Reyes Elementary School on May 29, parents were informed of this "stranger" and urged to take precautions for the safety of

their children.

"An incident occurred on our campus after school involving a stranger approaching our students attempting to entice them to follow him," reads the notice from school principal Naomi Nishimura. "Fortunately, the students refused and later reported the incident to their teacher."

When contacted yesterday for details on the date of the incident and a description of the man, Nishimura said they did not want to disclose any more details that might jeopardize the investigation.

According to the notice, parents were advised that the school is taking heightened security measures to ensure students were safe on campus.

The parental notice further advises that an adult should accompany children to and from school if they walk. Parents were advised to pick up students right after their school programs end.

"We also ask that you talk to your child about not talking to strangers and to seek a trusting adult such as a teacher or school staff to report the incident right away," the notice reads, urging that for similar incidents notes be taken of license plates and descriptions of the person. *(With Ferdie de la Torre)*

NMC board terms at odds with staggered dates set by law

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Contrary to the staggered terms required by law, all five Saipan members on the Northern Mari-

Jury selection in Ada trial begins

Jury selection began in federal court yesterday in the trial of Leyda I. Ada, who is accused of conspiring with her husband to perpetrate a health care fraud exceeding \$1.7 million.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona began the jury selection yesterday morning and will continue the process this morning, Tuesday.

Attorney Mark Hanson is court-appointed counsel for Ada. Assistant U.S. attorneys Garth Backe and Ross Naughton are counsel for the U.S. government.

According to the minutes of a hearing on Friday, Manglona stated that after jury selection, the court would take at least a two-day recess before continuing with the trial.

Manglona said the court would not swear in the selected jurors until the morning of the opening arguments.

Friday's hearing was for Ada's motion to postpone jury trial.

Hanson argued that because of the U.S. government's pre-trial activities, he is being forced to spend much of his trial preparation time reviewing, researching, briefing and responding to the various and voluminous filings.

Saipan, Northern Islands, and Tinian to hold Rota relief drive

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Leaders of the municipalities of Saipan, Northern Islands, and Tinian will be hosting relief efforts for the island of Rota.

Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council staff Frances Muña said that Saipan, Tinian, and the Northern Islands municipal officials will officially kick off the Rota typhoon relief drive this week.

Muña indicated that a press conference on the relief effort is scheduled before the end of this week and more details will be forthcoming by then.

"Since taking their oath of office earlier in the year, Wednesday was the first time [Saipan] Mayor David M. Apatang and [Northern Islands] Mayor Jerome Aldan met with the municipal council for a common purpose and that was the desire to forge an effective partnership based on shared values and common interest to benefit the public," Muña said. "Topping the partnership agenda was the Rota typhoon relief drive."

anas College Board of Regents were appointed on the same year and have terms expiring on the same year, a Senate chart on appointed terms shows.

According to this chart, cop-

Hanson said that if the trial were to go forward on Monday (yesterday), another court-appointed counsel should be named to assist him.

Hanson wanted the trial postponed for no less than two weeks or about a month.

The prosecution opposed.

After listening to the arguments, Manglona denied Ada's motion, saying the prosecution's explanation was justified.

Manglona also denied Ada's request to appoint another counsel to assist Hanson.

Ada is faced with only three charges: conspiracy to commit laundering, money laundering, and perjury. The original indictment charged her and her husband, Melvin Ada, with 59 counts.

Melvin Ada, a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center, pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over \$1.7 million. He is awaiting sentencing.

Leyda Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC. (Ferdie de la Torre)

The SNIMC members are chair Antonia M. Tudela, vice chair Alice Igitol, and secretary Reina Camacho. They met with the two mayors for over an hour during lunch to come up with a framework on the relief drive.

Despite Tinian Mayor Joey P. San Nicolas' absence, Muña said that San Nicolas gave his

pledge of unity and support, which would include the Tinian Municipal Council joining the newly formed municipal partner-

ship group work on the relief drive for Rota.

"Mayor Apatang and municipal officials will be joined by their Tinian and Northern Islands counterparts for the kickoff event. The local municipal leadership is asking the local communities on Saipan and Tinian to open their hearts to our sister island of Rota during this time of need and distress," she said.

In related news, SNIMC will be holding its second regular council session this Thursday, June 4, starting at 2pm at their office in Chalan Kanoa.

ies of which were obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, regents Elizabeth Rechebai, William Torres, Maria Peter, Frank Rabauliman, and Juan T. Lizama have terms that expire in 2017.

Notably, these dates appear to conflict with the staggered term dates that Attorney General Edward Manibusan called "correct" in a recent letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

In April, Manibusan wrote Inos to urge that the "staggered" four-year term cycles set for the NMC board by a 1985 law has to be followed.

According to the cited statute, Public Law 4-3, NMC board members would serve staggered terms of four years.

Of the inaugural board, three members drew four-year terms,

two members drew three-year terms, and two members drew two-year terms.

These dates were supposed to set up the terms of board members that followed.

In other words, if these staggered dates were followed up to the present day, five members of the board would not expire on the same year, as the Senate chart shows.

In his letter, Manibusan answered this question: Do board member terms begin on the "predetermined dates as established by the 1986 appointments, or the date on which an appointee is confirmed?"

He found the predetermined dates to be the "correct" date as fixed by the lots drawn in 1986.

He said this conclusion

modifies the expected expiration dates for all of the regents.

He said regents Elaine Orilla and William Torres' terms have since expired.

"Their seats are vacant and appointments must be made to fill the vacancies," he wrote.

"Rather than using these predetermined dates for the four-year terms, the practice has been to use the confirmation dates of new appointees to determine the beginning and end dates for the four-year terms."

"As a result, the purported expiration dates for the NMC Board of Regents are erroneous and must be corrected," he said.

The expiration terms of the first board members were

traced, Manibusan said.

Using these dates to project terms for the current board, he said, the seat held by Peter would expire in April 2016; Rechebai's seat would expire in May 2016; Rabauliman's seat would expire in April 2017; Lizama's seat would expire in April 2017; Torres' seat would expire in April 2014; Michaela Sanchez's seat would expire in May 2018; and Orilla's seat would expire in March 2016.

To compare this to the Senate chart, Rechebai's term expires in December 2017, Rabauliman's in June 2017, Lizama's in November 2017; Torres' in June 2017; Sanchez's in September 2018; and Orilla's in March 2016.



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Kia'aina meets with stakeholders on workforce dev't

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The U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas, Esther Kia'aina, met with various key partners of the CNMI government for developing the Commonwealth's workforce.

Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero, together with other members of the CNMI Workforce Committee, discussed their development strategies in addressing the impending need for workers as the CW program ends in 2019.

Among those present at the meeting were the Department

of Commerce, Northern Marianas College and the Nutrition Assistance Program of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

According to Guerrero, they presented data of what each of the key players are doing to address the transition of workforce in the Commonwealth.

Guerrero said their data showed the reality that they are not going to have the sufficient workforce to fuel the pipeline come 2019.

"But that doesn't mean that we don't continue with our efforts to try," Guerrero added.

The committee also made known to Kia'aina how the CW

fee of \$150 per beneficiary is not enough to train those who will be replacing the foreign workers but that they are doing the most out of the funds they are getting.

The meeting also became a reminder of the Commonwealth's responsibility to develop its own workforce.

According to Guerrero, Kia'aina was "very passionate about workforce development."

"She's very supportive of us and encouraged us to continue working together," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Kia'aina also mentioned about early development and what was being done to develop the younger population to be able to work for the Commonwealth in the future.

Guerrero said it was also

pointed out at the meeting that it is not only about having enough resident workers to replace foreign workers but also maintaining the quality of the workforce.

One outcome of the meeting is the development of a workforce survey by the Commerce Department. They will be looking into the 10,000 individuals in the population who are not actively looking for work.

Prior to their meeting, Kia'aina urged the committee to build up their strategies.

"My message to them is, please do what you can to develop your workforce development strategy. Failure to come up with strategies to invest in the local workforce will not be helpful to your long-term objectives," Kia'aina said.

Women's Health Month ends with Zumba party



JAYSON CAMACHO

Lots of people take part in the the Zumba Party last Thursday at the Garapan Central Park as part of Women's Health Month.

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. capped its monthlong celebration of Women's Health Month with a Zumba Party at the Garapan Central Park last Thursday.

The event is modeled after the National Women's Health

Week that is celebrated annually across the nation.

TaAnn T. Kabua, of the Division of Public Health Services' Maternal and Child Health Bureau, said this was the first time ever for the CNMI to celebrate Women's Health Month.

"We wanted to highlight the Zumba exercise because it is offered for free almost every

day from 5pm to 8pm," Kabua said, adding that more than 150 people joined the event last Thursday.

"We are planning to do this next year and have more activities and better access to care," she said.

The Zumba Party is also a part of Zumba class that Let's Move Marianas Alliance has

been hosting at the Garapan Central Park since May 2015.

Zumba class coordinator Ernie Molina, who is a dialysis technician at the Commonwealth Health Center, said the program is developed through the Division of Public Health and is handled by Let's Move Marianas Alliance head Amber Mendiola.

This was also the one-year anniversary for the Zumba class.

Joseph Caranto, a certified Zumba instructor under the Zumba Instructor Network, leads the Zumba classes. Caranto said he has been certified since November 2012.

"It's free Zumba class given to the community from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Thursday and we are so blessed that we have such a large turnout today and blessed that Caranto is still doing this and is volunteering his time for the public because our main objective is prevention—which is cheaper than a cure. I would like the public to know that we host Zumba workouts every night from Monday to Thursday," Molina said.

Molina noted that more and more people have been taking advantage of the free Zumba classes every day—from just about 40 to over a hundred.

The Thursday event capped a long list of other activities the Division of Public Health Services lined up to mark the celebration of Women's Health Month.

Kilili donates \$500 to MMAC

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) donated cash to the Marianas March Against Cancer last May 23.

Sablan personally presented the check amounting to \$500 to the 2015 MMAC committee at their final committee meeting held at the residence of Aldebert and Celina A. Concepcion in Chalan Piao.

"The 2015 MMAC committee extends its utmost thanks to Congressman Sablan for his generous support in the fight against cancer. The battle continues even after the MMAC event so his donation is sincerely appreciated," said 2015 MMAC overall chair Diana I. Benavente.

Also present at the check presentation were entertainment chair Carol P. Hosono, team recruitment chair Catherine Atao-Toves, team recruitment co-

chair Tara T. White, T-shirt chair GERALYN C. Dela Cruz, luminary chair Jenypy Sambile, sponsorship chair Nola K. Hix, logistics chair Janine F. Nogis, and public relations vice chair Chris A. Concepcion.

"Funds donated to the MMAC will remain in the CNMI for use in cancer patient support services and awareness programs. We encourage others to support this worthy cause," Benavente added.

The MMAC is the annual signature fundraiser of the Commonwealth Cancer Association. This year, it was held on May 1 and 2 and sold more than 2,400 luminaries and raised over \$121,000.

Funds raised in the MMAC are used to provide direct assistance to cancer survivors in the CNMI. One of the services they offer is the \$500 given per client yearly for nutritional, therapeutic, and medical supplies needed to support cancer treatment.



Sablan

2 men arrested for separate offenses

Two men were arrested over the weekend for allegedly committing various offenses in Koblerville and Kagman.

Abdon Romolor Teregeyo, 38, was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, assault, and disturbing the peace.

Ricardo San Nicolas Muna, 58, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Bail was set at \$7,500 cash for Teregeyo and \$1,000 cash for Muna.

Police detective Vincent A. Igisair stated in his report that two police officers responded Thursday afternoon to a residence in Koblerville where a caller reported that Teregeyo had threatened to assault family members with a machete.

Police officers learned that Teregeyo became upset after his niece told him not to touch

the food intended for her ailing grandmother.

Teregeyo allegedly grabbed a machete and later a butcher knife and threatened to kill his niece, his sister, and other family members.

According to the mother, she is tired of her son threatening to kill all of them. She also stated that her son would damage items in the house then expect to be paid for it.

In Muna's case, police detective Daniel T. Kintol stated in his report that a 17-year-old girl sought police's assistance after the defendant allegedly watched her through an opening in the door while she was showering.

The girl told police she is scared and that Muña did the same thing last month. (**Ferdie de la Torre**)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of)
The Petition To) **FCD GU**
Appoint General) **CIVIL ACTION**
Guardianship For:) **NO. 15-0223**

Matthew Nico Henry)
Muller Songsong) **NOTICE OF**
Minor Child) **HEARING**

By:)
Edward P. Diaz/Tanya)
Songsong – Diaz)
Petitioners)

Notice is hereby given that the
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Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2015

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
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By: Deputy Clerk of Court

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BENEDICTA CRUZ TENORIO,) CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,) NO. 15-0071

-v-

SCHOLASTICA B. L. RIVERA)
and RAMON FUJIIHARA BARCINAS,)
aka RAMON B. DELA CRUZ,)
Defendants.)

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In the Matter of the Estates of) CIVIL ACTION
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CNMI mock trial team excels at national tournament

Nine students from Saipan Southern High School represented the CNMI at the National High School Mock Trial Championship on May 15-16, 2015, in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Mikhail Alcantara, Emily DeWitt, Jin Pyo Jeon, Sung Min Kim, Aaron Tiger Lee, Annika Matias, Eliezha May Mendoza, Jun Seo Park, and Ezekiel Rafanan made the CNMI proud at the tournament, placing 27th out of 46 teams after four grueling rounds of competition.

Despite the resources that may be available to mainland students, Park, one of the team captains, said the team “overcame that disadvantage by working hard, focusing on the law, and having fun.”

The team argued *Andy Archer v. Detail Security, Inc.*, a fictitious civil action about a college student who filed suit against a security company for battery by and negligent hiring

and retention of an employee—a North Carolina history fan who had a history of conflicts with the student’s family involved in the theft of the Bill of Rights. The case arises on July 4, 2014, a day of celebration for the return of the missing Bill of Rights, when the security guard uses a taser that causes the student to fall down a flight of stairs and ultimately destroys the student’s dream of competing at the Olympics.

The CNMI team competed against teams from Michigan, Mississippi, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. The CNMI team excelled in their overall performance during the competition. In addition, individual members of the team were recognized by their peers for their outstanding attorney and witness performances. DeWitt and Alcantara were named star attorneys for one round of competition, while Matias was selected as a star attorney for two rounds. DeWitt and



Team CNMI at the National High School Mock Trial Championship.

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Team CNMI poses with Team Mississippi after the first round of competition.

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Lee won star witness awards in one round, while Mendoza was named a star witness for two rounds.

DeWitt, another team captain, described the tournament as “a great learning and bonding experience” and a “treasured memory.” She noted several highlights of the trip included “watching the Joshua Bell concert, touring college campuses, and hearing Justice Scalia speak, but the greatest highlight was competing with my team members.”

The students spent countless hours preparing for the national competition, rehearsing with volunteer judges and attorneys

and scrimmaging against multiple state teams. The CNMI Bar Association would like to thank teacher-coach Frank Lee SN. Borja and attorney-coaches Claire Kelleher-Smith and Michael A. Sato for their dedication in ensuring their students were well-prepared at the nationals; Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, and attorneys Charles Brasington, Joseph Hallahan, Clifford Kato, Sheila Trianni, and Michael Witry for their assistance during scrimmages; as well as the sponsors for their contributions to the mock trial

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This week is Cancer Survivors Week

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This first week of June was officially declared Cancer Survivors Week, with a proclamation signed Friday by Gov. Eloy S. Inos.

Started May 31 and ending on June 6, the week is set aside to give focus on those who survived the disease.

Inos clarified how this week is different from Marianas March Against Cancer Week, which is also held to honor those who have been touched by cancer.

“The Marianas March against Cancer is the signature fundraising event for the Commonwealth Cancer Association and that honors survivors too but this is a day set aside throughout the United States to honor the survivors,” CCA president Lauri B. Ogomoro said.

The Cancer Survivor’s Day is traditionally held in hundreds of

communities around the world on the first Sunday of June.

In the CNMI, it will be marked with a celebration of the Holy Mass and a candlelight vigil at the Kristo Rai Church in Garapan this Sunday at 9:30am. A healing Mass was also held last Friday as part of the celebration.

Inos invited the community to take part in the “joyous celebration of life.”

“I’m always a believer that everyone is supposed to have cancer. Those who don’t have cancer are lucky folks. The ones with cancer are not unlucky, because we’re not perfect,” Inos commented after the signing.

Starting today, a contest will be held by CCA in honoring

the survivors through wearing purple clothes or rainbow colored ribbons, decorating offices or vehicles of the same color,

banning of betel nut, and calling the CCA office to schedule an awareness visit.

Through documenting these

activities and pledges through photos and tagging CCA Marianas on Facebook, agencies, companies and individuals will have the chance to win a pizza party delivered to them as well as have their photos published

online and in the newspapers.

According to the proclamation, there are about 300 active and productive cancer survivors in the Commonwealth and nearly 12 million cancer survivors in the U.S.



FRAULEINE S. VILLANUEVA

Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined by cancer survivors, anti-cancer advocates, and other officials after the proclamation signing for Cancer Survivor’s Week.

WOMEN IN THE KNOW:

Anne Rase Atalig

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
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Author's Note: Saipan Tribune will be featuring leading women in higher education every week in its newest 10-part series, Women In The Know. Last week, Rota lass Bernadita Manglona was featured for her recent acceptance to the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry. Anne Rase Atalig is this week's Woman In The Know.

Twenty-five-year-old Anne Rase Atalig will be graduating from Dartmouth College this week with a Doctor of Medicine degree while simultaneously being promoted to captain in the U.S. Army from her current rank of 2nd lieutenant.

Atalig, who considers Rota her home after living there for eight years, skipped the seventh grade at Guam's Bishop Baumgartner Memorial School and graduated valedictorian of the Academy of Our Lady of Guam class of 2006.

As a dedicated student athlete, member of the French Interest Group, and a Junior Achievement program member who traveled abroad for four years, Atalig explained that her extracurricular involvement set her in the direction of pursuing the field of medicine.

"I did not always know that

I wanted to be a doctor. I was thinking business school or medical school, because I enjoyed Junior Achievement so much," Atalig, who is also a recipient of the Gates Millennium Scholarship and Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, told Saipan Tribune.

Her fervor and diligence in her studies was also bolstered by a sobering fact. Atalig said a strong family history of cardiovascular disease—something common in Chamorro families—was the driving force in her decision to pursue a career in medicine.

"I think a huge fraction of people can prevent acute myocardial infarctions, heart attacks, if they can tweak their diet and increase their daily exercise. People do not think about their heart health when they are young and healthy, but plaque development in a person's vasculature starts in early adulthood and in some cases even in adolescence," she explained.

Atalig credits her success to Rota's close-knit community and her parents, Francisco Manglona Atalig and Ofelia Rase Atalig.

"Growing up [on] Rota, I learned early on that you really don't need a lot in order to be happy. The more simply you live, the more full life becomes."

Social Security payments to CNMI reach \$27.5M—Kilili

The Social Security benefits for the CNMI reached \$27.5 million and benefited 2,650 residents in 2014, according to Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP).

In his weekly e-newsletter, Sablan said residents benefited from "Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance" in 2014, according to the Social Security Administration's latest report to Congress released this week.

"Those Social Security benefits added \$19.8 million to our economy over the course of the year. Another 1,044 individuals received Supplemental Security Income in 2014, bringing in \$7.7 million," Sablan said.

"That meant a total of \$27.5 million from the two national programs, an increase of \$1.3 million over 2013. Social Security provides a monthly benefit to workers and their family member, based on the worker's covered earnings during his or her lifetime."

Sablan explained that the Supplemental Security Income program is for those who are old, blind, or disabled and is available to persons in the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

"All these benefits help recipients, but they also help fuel our economy. That is why I have and will continue to support

congressional efforts to protect and strengthen Social Security," Sablan said.

Increase

The Social Security Administration, in a press release earlier, said monthly Social Security and supplemental security income benefits for nearly 64 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2015. The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment will begin with benefits that more than 58 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2015.

Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries began on Dec. 31, 2014. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Some other changes that take effect in January each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$118,500 from \$117,000.

Of the estimated 168 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2015, about 10 million will pay higher taxes because of the increase in the taxable maximum. (Joel D. Pinarc)



Twenty-five-year-old Anne Rase Atalig.

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Receiving a quality education

Atalig graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Biochemistry at

Dartmouth College, with an emphasis in French Language and Studio Arts. While in college, she participated in two years of

cardiovascular research with a mentor at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. During her time there, Atalig became heavily involved in a Southeast Asian student dance group and the Vietnamese Student Association, a cultural interest group.

"There were no other natives from the CNMI or Guam, so spending time with these Asian organizations at school made me feel more at home," she said.

After earning her undergraduate degree, Atalig took a year off and worked as an intern for the National Parkinson Foundation, a non-profit organization, in Miami, Florida.

It was during her internship that Atalig applied to 20 medical schools and was invited to a number of them for an interview.

"I chose to return to Dartmouth because I came to love the community and felt most comfortable with the environ-

ment to focus my energy into my medical education," she said. "The competition was ridiculously tough; the acceptance rate into Dartmouth's medical school is about 2 percent."

After practicing in the mainland as an Army physician, Atalig plans to become a Family Medicine physician and return to the islands to provide primary care services.

Atalig is also a member of the U.S. Army's Health Profession Scholarship Program, where she receives academic financial aid while providing medical care to soldiers.

"It's a huge honor, especially because there are so many service members from our beautiful islands," she said.

Atalig encourages the island youth to pursue their passion and reminds them that "nothing is impossible once you set your mind to do it."

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Statehood

We are not referring to a particular condition that someone is in at a specific time, e.g., a person's emotional state. We refer to a political community under a government, aka a country, nation, republic, or federation.

There are levels of governance in the United States, with the federal as the overarching authority, developing a network of local and intermediary levels called states. The U.S. is a 239-year experiment in governance that grew from an original 13-state rebellion against Britain to the present union of 50 states and territories. Of the five inhabited territories, the CNMI and Puerto Rico opted for Commonwealth.

The CNMI is programmatically treated like a state by federal programs, unless specifically excluded. The ambiguity of the state of the "States" outside the 50 is the source of innovation and creativity within the local, either decried when proven cumbersome and lauded when proven beneficent. Such abides in the nebulous nature of the Covenant—the CNMI in political union with the U.S., with local officials often sounding as if they represent an independent nation.

The relationship between the military and local politics is a gray area except where a lease exists on the use of real estate. The strategic military value of the Marianas is a factor to negotiations with the feds, which needs the real estate as their welcome in Korea and Japan has soured.

The notion of statehood is only clear among academic eggheads when they are exchanging verbal and literary discourse. In actual practice, other than its sense that it somehow resembles a "sovereign" entity, the state of statehood is hardly a fixed position. Inter- and intra-state relations have defined spheres, e.g., the Midwest and South, while "united" States show various degrees of adherence to law.

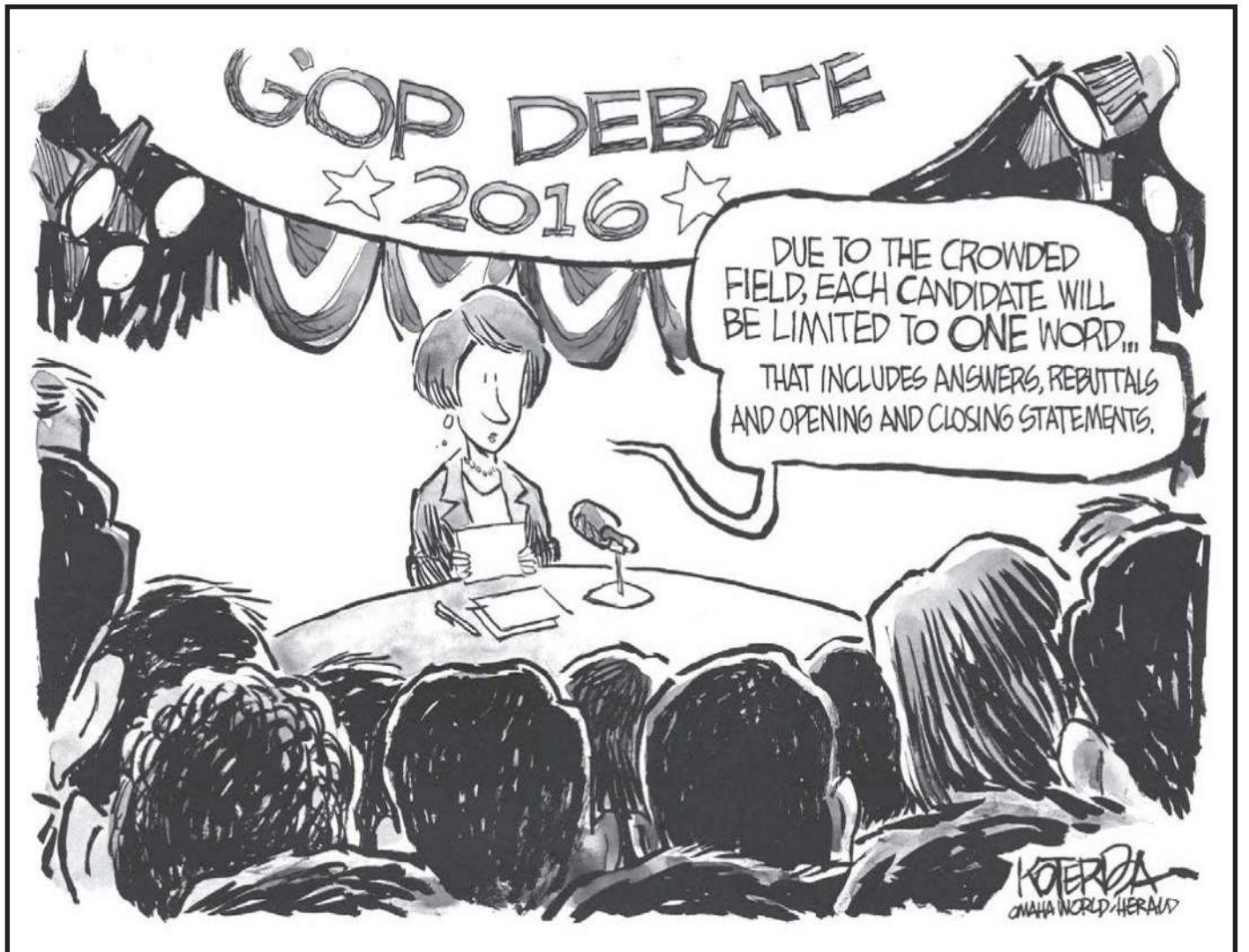
The United States decision-making experiment in the context of a new global reality serves as a demo, not just a staid geographical entity that borders Mexico and Canada, with territories in the Caribbean and the Pacific. The States during the Civil War focused on disparate natures; its unity and the power of federal reps took root soon after, finally taking on an "imperial" character from Portugal and Spain impulses, and later, from the British Isles, against Hungarian, Austrian, Italian and Meiji empires, assumed by the U.S. after WWII.

The original 13-states ratified the current U.S. Constitution, and the 37 states that followed were admitted into the union as the Constitution got amended, and territories defined. Statehood in the U.S. is a definition of an intermediary state of governance between federal laws and local program and project decisions.

State rights is still heard as a rallying cry, but in a time of instant communication and rapid transport, what transpires in Florida is known in Maine, California, and Alaska in three seconds!

The CNMI emotionally is still on the "liberation" phase. Today's statehood emphasis merits introspection on local governance. It is well to define our own liberation.

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Why Bernie Sanders matters

Sen. Bernie Sanders, the self-described socialist who kicked off his presidential campaign on Tuesday with a characteristically fiery speech, isn't going to win the 2016 Democratic nomination unless lightning strikes. To be really effective, in any case, the lightning would have to strike Hillary Rodham Clinton, who holds a prohibitive lead in every poll. But Sanders will still have a major impact on the Democratic race, and that could, paradoxically, be good for Clinton.

The Vermont senator preaches a bracing populist message that's likely to thrill millions of voters on the left, the ones who sometimes dub themselves "the democratic wing of the Democratic Party." A lot of those progressives are democratic socialists, whether they realize it or not; the only unusual thing about Sanders is that he actually uses the "S-word."

"There is something profoundly wrong when the top one-tenth of 1 percent owns almost as much wealth as the bottom 90 percent," Sanders said at a raucous lakefront rally in Vermont. "This type of rigged economy is not what America is supposed to be about."

He said he hopes to "begin a political revolution to transform our country economically, politically, socially and environmentally." And he has a detailed program to do it.

Sanders wants to raise taxes on the rich not only to limit the flow of income to the upper crust but also to redistribute some of their accumulated wealth. He wants to impose a federal sales tax on stock trades and other financial transactions to pay for free tuition at every public college. He wants to open Medicare to everyone, young or old, creating a European-style single-payer healthcare system. He wants to break up big banks, clamp more regulation on Wall Street and outlaw massive donations to political campaigns.

Even without a full-blown national campaign, those ideas have been enough to vault Sanders into second place in surveys of Democrats in early primary states. Well, perhaps "vault" is an overstatement: He draws 15 percent in Iowa and 18 percent in New Hampshire, still far behind Clinton's 60 percent or so.

Here's the key to those poll numbers: Sanders is winning almost exactly the same levels of support that Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.) drew in early surveys. Now that she's made it clear she isn't running, pollsters are leaving her name off, and Sanders appears to be inheriting her support.

The Vermont socialist, who once chafed at comparisons with his progressive colleague, now readily embraces the role of her stand-in.

"I think our views are parallel on many, many issues," he told a reporter this week.

So why is this challenge good for Clinton?

First, as Sanders himself acknowledges, he's "a major underdog"; he's not likely to win.

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Los Angeles Times

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Second, until now most of the media coverage of Clinton's campaign has focused on secret emails, entanglements with uranium moguls and outlandish speaking fees. If Sanders forces a robust debate on issues such as healthcare, taxes and trade, the media will have to pay attention to that instead. Sanders' entry into the race will allow Clinton, who has already veered left, to call for vaguely similar policies and still say: "He's a socialist; I'm not."

On a superficial level, moreover, Sanders' presence on the stage will make Clinton, 67, seem relatively young. Sanders is 73; if he won the presidency, he'd be 75 at his inauguration, more than five years older than Ronald Reagan in 1981.

Finally, Sanders will give voters a reason to watch the Democratic debates—and maybe even get excited about the party's ideas, an emotion that's been missing until now.

"There are signs that Democratic voters are demoralized," Andrew Kohut, a pollster at the independent Pew Research Center, told me. "If that persists, it can depress their turnout on election day."

A recent Pew poll, for example, found that only 58 percent of Democrats said they had given a lot of thought to the presidential campaign, down from 71 percent eight years ago.

Meanwhile, the Ipsos polling organization projected that voter turnout next year could drop to 50 percent, down from 55 percent in 2012—a trend that's especially bad for Democrats, since Republicans turn out more reliably.

A Sanders campaign won't be all sweetness for Clinton, to be sure. He isn't a forgiving soul; he has already come close to calling the likely nominee a plutocrat.

"It's not just the Clintons," he told CNBC last week. "When you hustle money like that ... you sit in restaurants where you're spending—I don't know what they spend—hundreds of dollars for dinner and so forth. That's the world that you're accustomed to, and that's the worldview that you adopt."

But Clinton already knew she had that vulnerability, and so did her voters; it's already reflected in her poll numbers.

At this stage, Sanders can't beat Clinton; only Hillary and Bill Clinton can beat Hillary Clinton—in the form of new problems with emails or finances or other peccadilloes as yet undiscovered.

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US must recognize China's stature and engage accordingly

By DANTE PARADISO
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

There is the old notion, attributed to Lu Xun, perhaps China's most celebrated modern writer, that the Chinese consider foreigners to be either superior or inferior, but never equal. It is fair to say that however China's leaders assessed their country's relative capabilities during its long economic and military overhaul, they do not now lack for confidence. U.S. policies toward China over the past 40 years have largely been predicated on the theory that if we help China unlock its vast economic potential, China will eventually look more like us: capitalist and republican. In fact, China's leadership took the opposite lesson from China's success: the People's Republic became wealthy and strong by not tilting westward.

It is time for us as a country, public and private sector alike, to respect China fully for the global political, economic and military force it has again become. It will disrupt the status quo more than any other nation. We should discard outmoded ideas that the U.S. can counter, contain, or manage China, and instead advance a positive, proactive agenda that lays out clearly what we want from the global reordering China has precipitated. Two key areas must be addressed: currency policy and freedom of navigation.

China often appears in our news feed for actions that contest U.S. economic or military leadership even though U.S.-China economic and cultural ties are vast, including beneficial trade and the fact that the largest population of people of Chinese descent outside of Asia lives here in the states. U.S.-China relations are intertwined with complex Asian regional dynamics and shifting global power equations, and China's internal economic and environmental challenges are well-documented, yet we rightly take note when China's state media calls for a de-dollarized world or when China engages in "land reclamation" in the South China Sea.

China will disrupt the status quo for three reasons. First, this is an inflection point. It is unprecedented that the country with the second largest economy and largest military does not see its treasure ap-

propriately reflected in global finance, and still seeks monopoly of force over everything it deems its territory. China still relies on the U.S. Federal Reserve to protect its stores of value and on U.S. forces to provide overarching security for global commerce. U.S. forces still have freedom of maneuver in some areas China considers sovereign. But these conditions will change.

Second, China's political system is incompatible with ours, something often glossed over until problems arise. The government's role in the economy colors the "rules of the road" for fair competition. Lastly, China still grapples with the effects of foreign interventions over the past 200 years that, alongside internal divisions, left the country weakened. By dint of history, the U.S. is implicated in many questions that China's leadership says must be resolved to complete China's "rejuvenation." We should not mistake tactical patience for flexibility. On the spectrum from cooperation to confrontation, coordination or de-confliction may often be the maximal outcome when our interests overlap. If the U.S. is not clear in its aims, and ignores or misreads China's, there will be conflicts.

The dollar's reserve currency status is central to U.S. power. It guarantees that our country has nearly unlimited liquidity and access to capital, ensures others are vested in our success, gives sanctions teeth, and provides unparalleled flexibility in monetary policy. China does not have these advantages. Its currency is loosely pegged to the dollar, trading against a basket of currencies in a controlled band. The global financial crisis underscored for China that it could little influence U.S. policy decisions that affected its assets.

More than any other currency, the renminbi will disrupt the dollar's reserve status. China has taken steps toward floating the renminbi, which our government has encouraged to rebalance trade. China proceeds cautiously to avoid negative short-term consequences to its export-driven economy. However, it has discussed with the International Monetary Fund adding the renminbi to the Special Drawing Rights currency basket, perhaps in tandem with full convertibility. As the world shifts holdings from the dollar (and other currencies) to the renminbi, and more transactions are closed in renminbi, pressure will rise for a new global currency regime

that more accurately reflects China's stature as the second largest economy.

Complacency is not an option. We in the U.S. should conceive a new currency regime that ensures the U.S. retains optimal monetary flexibility. Our government should actively consult with major trade partners on a new arrangement. The alternative is that China takes bold steps, in coordination with others, and we will react to changed circumstances rather than frame the discourse.

Likewise, U.S. power relies on global force projection to protect U.S. interests, though the U.S. often resists the role of world policeman. As China asserts itself and its blue-water navy comes online, China may not grant, or will impose costs for, access to places where the U.S. now enjoys freedom of maneuver. The U.S. must address what security posture best guarantees that we continue to benefit from global trade: what access we really need, where and why.

The U.S. Pacific Command leader testified recently that China as a "net provider of security" could be beneficial, but cautioned China's initiatives often "complicate" Pacific security. There is also this complication: while we spent years hunting terrorists, China built capabilities to defeat us militarily, both through asymmetric and conventional means. As the U.S. has grown more reliant on digital communication, China has worked on cyber warfare. Matched against China's economies of scale in conventional capabilities, the U.S. should no longer assume it has clear military superiority. In Asia, allies will play an important role in the regional security architecture, but beyond Asia, the U.S. must decide what the next iteration of the Pax Americana should look like. China will be in many places and work with many partners we do not expect.

It is time to re-conceptualize the global currency regime and the bottom-line objectives of the U.S. security umbrella for global trade. Let's lead the discussion.

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The \$150,000 purse and other 'wife bonuses'

There's a new book giving primates a bad name. It's not doing women much good, either.

Primates of Park Avenue, recently excerpted by *The New York Times*, caused a ruckus.

It's focused on a small group of uber-privileged, educated Manhattan women who get "wife bonuses" from their conspicuously powerful husbands for staying lithe, keeping the domestic staff in good order and rearing high-achieving children—think *Pretty Woman*, except Julia Roberts has a law degree she doesn't use.

So we asked ourselves: Is this an enviable position, one we'd secretly covet?

The other question we asked was this: What's a "marriage bonus"? Is that a joke? Do you serve at your spouse's pleasure, is it pay-per-lap-dance thing, or is it a "go ahead, Toots, buy yourself a bathrobe" deal?

The author "Wednesday" Martin (her real name is Wendy, but I guess she liked the Addams Family) snagged our attention with money and sex but kept it by sounding scholarly. Using the language of a disinterested observer, for example, when discussing her neighbors on the Upper East Side, Martin announces "It didn't take long for me to realize that my background in anthropology might

help me figure it all out, and that this elite tribe and its practices made for a fascinating story."

Don't you always love it when the folks next door reach that conclusion?

Martin appeared to study the world through the lens of academic discourse. Sprinkling references to the Agta women of the Philippines and !Kung women of Africa next to stories of spin classes and play dates made her sound distant, erudite and objective.

Martin presented the Upper East Side's tribe's transactional marriages in such a way that my friend Alan Hochbaum calls them "tennis relationships" because "love means nothing."

The commodification of children makes Lisa, a New York business writer, wonder, "Surrounded by extremely loud children, it depresses me to wonder how many of them were conceived ASAP to seal such marriage mergers."

Christopher P. Larsen, a stay-at-home dad, suggests that they've gone from being "friends with benefits" to "employees without benefits"—except for the husbandly hand-outs, and that maybe the subjection is what "turns these guys on."

Fifty Shades of Green, anyone?

But a long interview with Martin in the *New York Post* followed

Last Friday, the CNMI Center for Living Independently celebrated its 10th year anniversary at the CLI house No. 1366 on Capital Hill from 10am to 2pm.

The event was very successful. Ms. Frances Sablan was our emcee, Ms. Emy Palican was our national anthem singer, Ms. Susan Satur, the secretary for the Board of CLI, welcomed everyone, and the governor came and hung out with us for lunch. He even joked about racing Cynthia Attao, a member of the ILG group, with their wheelchairs.

We had local music provided by James Selepeo and band donated by the CLI board president, Ms. Doris Motisou. The food was prepared by the ILG members and CLI staff who also displayed their vegetables from their garden, which they have been growing.

Finally, we, the ILG, CLI and collaborators would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came, including our own Mayor of Saipan, David Apatang, Rep. Edwin Probst, Rep. Edmund Vilagomez, and our Honorable Governor, Iloy Inos for helping us celebrate "A Decade of Raising Independence"—the theme of CLI's 10th anniversary

Thomas M. Thornburgh

Chairman of the Committee for the 10th CLI Anniversary

By GINA BARRECA

The Hartford Courant

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on the heels of the piece in the *Times* and tripped her up.

Martin confessed she was a "total buy-in" to the life she studied. "Something about these arrogant women, who pushed and crowded me like I didn't exist, made me want a beautiful, expensive bag."

Really? It made me want to join a union.

Martin felt a Hermes Birkin, a pocketbook that sells for up to \$150,000, would help her self-esteem. So her financier husband bought her one. Martin felt better.

Look, for 150K, you can hire a college graduate to carry your stuff for two years. You wouldn't need a purse.

This is when I stopped taking Martin seriously. It was as if Jane Goodall had morphed into Mildred Pierce's daughter.

The interview with a Queen-Bee-Wanna-Be who whined for a purse clashed with the voice of authority making opprobrious pronouncements about "those women."

Martin says she "went native" (a remarkably insulting term). Now living across town surrounded by women with "post-menopausal gray hair" who don't "care about the last 10 pounds," the author misses the "immaculate and conservative and clean," tribe she left a good 12, maybe 15, minutes away.

Martin's book does not reflect the lives of most women in Manhattan any more than "Mob Wives" illustrates the lives of most women in Staten Island.

A college friend who loves living on the Upper East Side declares Martin's landscape unrecognizable. "I've never met one of the creatures described in the 'Primates' book," says Elizabeth Kadin. "Guess going to work, using public transportation and shopping at Ann Taylor Loft keeps me insulated from them."

Others are less generous. "I hope the women she infiltrated and betrayed and whose values she seems to share eat her for lunch," wrote my friend Margaret, who then added, "However, they probably don't eat lunch."

Wednesday Martin would probably remind them that, especially if they don't care about those last 10 pounds, they could always eat cake.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A decade of raising independence'






Independence in the CNMI is something that we all seek. Whether you are a person with or without a disability, it can be difficult. The idea of independence has been a founding principal for Americans ever since the first colonies were settled.

The Center for Living Independently has been a beacon for people with disabilities to go get training to become more independent and included in our community. CLI offers independent living skills training, self-advocacy skills, and peer counseling. CLI also provides information and referral, and now transition to round of the CLI's five core services.

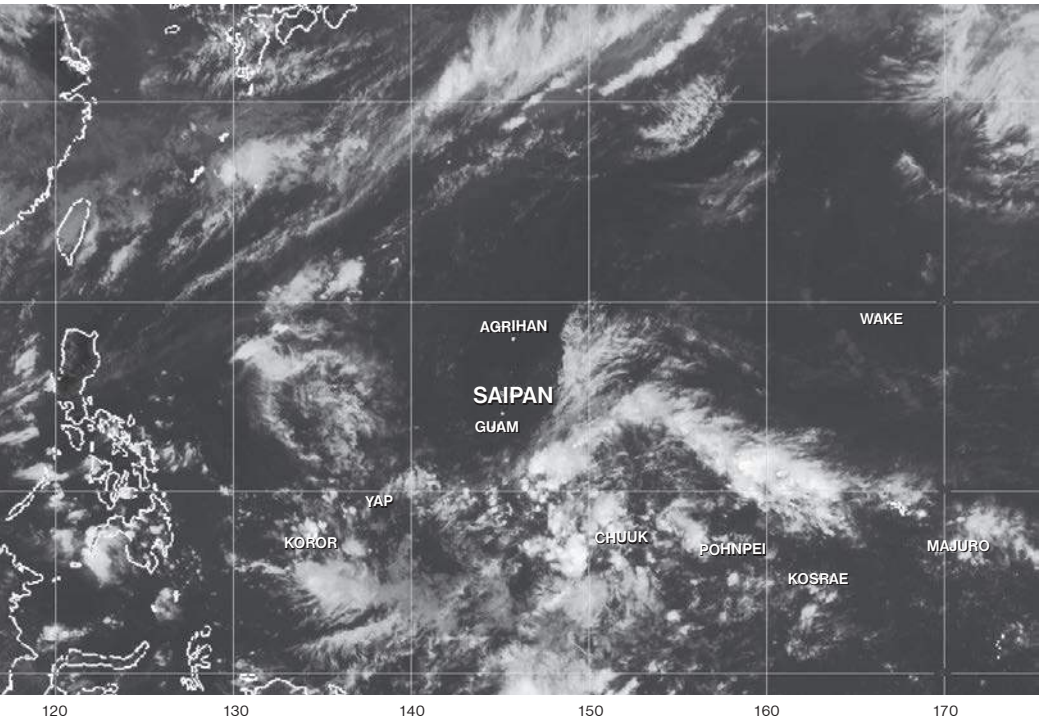
Ms. Lydia Igitol, who has been the CLI director since its inception in 2005, and the Independent Living Group, a self-advocacy group supported by the CLI, have maintained a functioning model home for our people with disabilities to come and belong for more than a decade now.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2015
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough stretches eastward from 9N139E to a weak Circulation centered east-southeast of Yap near 8N145E then continues east-southeastward to end near 3N167E. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring in Yap, Chuuk and Pohnpei states between 10N and the equator from 134E to 162E. Isolated thunderstorms are found farther east in Kosrae state between 12N and 2N from 160E to 167E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of the Marianas within 130 miles of a line from 12N136E to 19N133E to 22N136E. An upper-level low is centered east of Guam near 13N146E. Upper-level divergence east of the low is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Kosrae within 130 miles of a line from 10N148E to 14N151E to 9N166E. Low-level convergence is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Majuro within 70 miles of a line from 8N171E to 7N175E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲ 86	▼ 79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 89	▼ 78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲ 86	▼ 78
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Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 78
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 85	▼ 79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 79

Around the Globe			
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Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲ 92	▼ 63
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲ 88	▼ 81
Honolulu	Showers	▲ 83	▼ 72
London	Windy	▲ 64	▼ 55
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲ 78	▼ 59
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲ 96	▼ 78
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲ 54	▼ 45
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 87	▼ 76
New York	Rain	▲ 69	▼ 57
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲ 85	▼ 72
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 75	▼ 61
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲ 80	▼ 63
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 85	▼ 64
Salem	Showers	▲ 65	▼ 53
San Francisco	Fog	▲ 64	▼ 54
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UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
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Kia'aina to convene Climate Change Stakeholder Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C.— U.S. Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina will visit Guam from June 1 to 7 where she will confer with Guam Gov. Eddie B. Calvo and other leaders on a range of policy issues and convene the U.S. Insular Areas Climate Change Stakeholder Meeting. Nearly 90 officials from the U.S. territories and Freely Associated States, federal agencies, higher education institutions, and key non-governmental groups, will meet to discuss efforts to develop and strengthen climate change adaptation and resiliency plans and strategies for the

Insular Areas.

Prior to convening the Climate Change Stakeholder Meeting on Wednesday, June 3, Kia'aina will meet with Calvo and his administration to confer on capital improvement projects and renewable energy and climate change initiatives.

"Climate change is a huge concern for the Pacific Islands and the Caribbean, but we have to do more," said Calvo. "We created through executive order the Guam Climate Change Task Force, which will complete a comprehensive vulnerability assessment to help us better understand the threats to our island's resource-

» Territorial and Freely Associated State officials to join U.S. officials to discuss impacts of climate change and strategies to strengthen island resilience

es, economy, and community's well-being. Assistance and cooperation with our federal counterparts is crucial and we thank the Office of Insular Affairs for allowing Guam to host this event."

On Thursday and Friday, June 4 to 5, Kia'aina will convene the U.S. Insular Areas Climate Change Stakeholder



Kia'aina

Meeting, with the Government of Guam as co-host, at the Hyatt Regency Guam in Tumon. The meeting will bring together U.S. officials actively involved in addressing climate change adaptation and resilience strategies in the territories and freely associated states. Insular Area officials will share their

efforts toward developing climate change action plans and have an opportunity to discuss data, tools, resources, needs, and successful programs. Panel discussions will include: disaster preparedness, energy needs and planning, role of non-governmental and regional organizations in climate change, natural and cultural resources management, and the role of insular areas higher education institutions in capacity building.

"My expectation is that through this meeting, the federal government will be better able to assess and help each of the Insular Areas develop

climate change action plans, depending on their varying needs," said Kia'aina. "This in turn would favorably position the Insular Areas to secure the necessary funding resources and assistance they will need for the implementation of such plans to improve their capacities for climate change adaptation and resiliency strategies."

Participating officials will represent Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau. (OIA)



Grace Christian Academy graduated about 19 sixth graders on Thursday last week.

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GCA graduates 19 'faith-full' 6th grade students

Grace Christian School recognized its sixth grade class in a graduation ceremony on May 28 inside the GCA church. GCA's class of 2015 was made up of about 19 students.

Principal Beth Ann Nunez delivered the ceremony's message that afternoon, urging students to "shine on!"

Nunez, who was quoting Paul the Apostle, urged students to stay away from complaining and arguing and to learn to love each other despite their differences.

Young as they are, she said, there is a divine plan intended for them.

She urged the students to be "beacons" of light in a world and even island with

places of darkness.

A crowd of parents, friends, and school members attended Thursday's program. Students were awarded diplomas and special awards recognizing certain students were given out.

Valedictorian Elijah Joshua Pajarillaga thanked teacher Mrs. Rowena, for being a "blessing" to their class.

"You are very patient with use even though we make many mistakes and do not always perfect our wrongdoings," he said in his valedictory address.

To a "Mr. C," he called this teacher a "grandfather I never had."

"Since I don't live in the Philippines, I don't always get to meet and talk to my grandfa-



ELIJAH JOSHUA PAJARILLAGA
Valedictorian

ther, and you show me what a grandfather is like. You are very funny, yet you are still wise and focused," he said.

To his parents, he thanked



NA LEE LEE
Salutatorian

his mother for teaching him how to work hard, which is "the only reason I can and do get academic awards."

To his father, Pajarillaga said,

"You are the only one with jokes" in their family.

"My competitive spirit is yours and will always be. My understanding and love of technology is also yours," he said.

He also gave a shoutout to his best friend, Arvin, for revealing his skills in computer games. "I hope I will one day beat you," he said.

To his fellow classmates, he quoted former U.S. President Woodrow Wilson, "The only use of an obstacle is to be overcome. All that an obstacle does with brave men is not to frighten them, but to challenge them."

He urged his classmates to continue with whatever challenges they may face in life and to do so with faith.

Salutatorian was Na Lee Lee, who was also the recipient of the Eagle Award, the school's most prestigious award. The Eagle Award is given to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, citizenship, and Christian character.

In his salutatory address, he gave thanks to his parents, his teachers, pastors, and fellow classmates.

"I thank each one of my fellow classmates for their help and care. Each one of you are talented, unique, and are awesome! And always that each one of you were born with a special purpose from God. So never give up and let's try our best in everything!" he said.

Justin Laurence Del Rosario was a runner-up for the Eagle Award.

HS grads encouraged to take advantage of Cash for College workshop

The Northern Marianas College is asking parents of graduating high school Seniors to encourage their son or daughter to take advantage of the services offered at the Cash for College workshop scheduled for June 13, 2015.

The aim of the workshop is to assist students and their parents to maximize scholarship opportunities that are available for those seeking a college education at NMC or at other post-secondary institutions.

The free workshop will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015

at the NMC campuses in Saipan (As Terlaje campus in Building A), Tinian (Room D), and Rota (Building A1). The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am to 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid (SHEFA), the Tinian and Rota

Municipal Scholarship, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the College's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

Individuals who participate in the Northern Marianas College's upcoming "Cash for College" workshops will qualify to have their NMC Fall 2015 admission application fee and placement test fees waived. The waiver represents

a savings of up to \$75.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2013 and 2014, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and

proof of vote cast.

The free "Cash for College" workshop is made possible through the financial support of the U.S. Department of Education's College Access Challenge Grant program. This federal program aims to increase the number of students from under-represented minority populations enrolled in college.

For additional information, visit marianas.edu or contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 237-6792 or email daisy.propst@marianas.edu. (NMC)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Shirley's Coffee Shop Su-supe would like to greet Jai Ron Sanarez a happy 7th birthday!!!!
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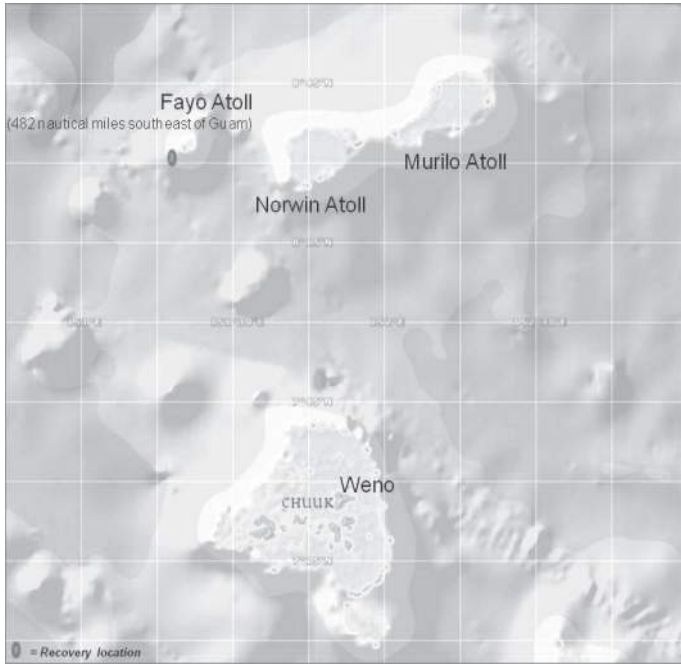
Missing skiff with 15-yr-old male aboard found

SANTA RITA, Guam—A 15-year-old male aboard a 20-foot skiff was found after seven days at sea, 60 nautical miles northwest of Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia.

At 9:15am, on May 30, 2015, watch standers at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam's Joint Rescue Sub-Center received a report from Pan-Pacific Education and Communication Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Guam of a missing 20-foot skiff with a 15-year-old male aboard. The vessel reportedly drifted out to sea from Faya Atoll in Chuuk, FSM on May 24, 2015. PEACESAT provides public service satellite telecommunications to remote is-

lands throughout the Pacific. JRSC Guam reached out to FSM and U.S. Coast Guard's Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Hawaii to coordinate the launch of available vessels and aircraft to aid in the search for the missing skiff. Watch standers from JRSC Guam used the Coast Guard Search and Rescue computer-base search program to develop search patterns for the responding vessels and aircraft. Broadcasts were also made advising mariners of the distress.

Multiple resources from FSM, the U.S. and the Automated Mutual-Assistance Vessel Rescue System were contacted to conduct searches for the missing vessel. Search



resources included the 600-foot Gibraltar-flagged vehicle carrier *Parana*; 958-foot Hong Kong-flagged container ship *Maersk Virginia*; 803-foot Panama-flagged bulk carrier *Jubilant Glory*; 754-foot Panama-flagged bulk carrier *Corona Ace*; 623-foot Greece flagged bulk carrier *Magda P*; 852-foot Hong Kong-flagged container ship *Oocl Yokohama*; 738-foot Panama-flagged bulk carrier *Shoyo*; FSM-flagged ship *FSS Carolina Voyager*; sailing vessel *Constance*; a Navy P-3 airplane from Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan; and a U.S. Coast Guard C-130 airplane from USCG Air Station Barbers Point in Kapolei, Hawaii.

On the afternoon of May 31, the missing skiff, whose interior was painted orange, was located by the Navy P-3 approximately 25 nautical miles west-southwest of Faya Atoll. The vessel's orange interior contrasts the blue ocean, which makes a vessel much more visible to searchers. The aircraft circled the vessel until *Constance* arrived on-scene to recover the 15-year-old passenger. *FSS Carolina Voyager* rendezvoused with *Constance* several hours later and transported the young man back to Chuuk. No major injuries were reported. A total of 1,492 square nautical miles were covered during the search. (USCG)

Students celebrate May Tourism Month

Students in the Northern Marianas celebrated May Tourism Month with a series of activities coordinated by the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Students from several schools took to the roadsides on May 8, 2015, to show their support for the tourism industry with a waving campaign. In all, 13 public schools with MY WAVE Clubs received a promotional banner from the MVA.

An essay contest was held for public elementary school students under the theme, "Who are our visitors and what do we know about each of our source markets?" A video contest open to MY WAVE Club students was also conducted under the theme, "Who are our visitors and what do we know about each of our source markets?"

"The MVA's strong partnership with the Marianas Tourism Education Council has greatly increased student awareness of the industry through our annual school presentations," said MVA Community Projects manager Martin Duenas. "Tourism Month activities aimed to give the students additional incentive to learn more about the industry on their own and to teach others."

Winners will be announced shortly and cash prizes will be awarded. (MVA)



MVA
Students of Garapan Elementary show their support for tourism with roadside waving on May 8, 2015.



MVA
Students of William S. Elementary joined the roadside waving in support tourism organized by the Marianas Visitors Authority on May 8, 2015.

MVA
Students of San Antonio Elementary show their support for tourism with roadside waving on May 8, 2015.

Business

Chobani CEO pledges to donate most of wealth

NEW YORK (AP)—Chobani founder and CEO Hamdi Ulukaya says he will join some of the world's richest individuals in pledging to give away at least half his wealth, which has been estimated at \$1.41 billion.

The Turkish-born yogurt entrepreneur is making the commitment as part of The Giving Pledge, which was created by Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett and Microsoft founder Bill Gates. The effort asks billionaires to commit to giving away more than half their wealth during their lifetimes or in their wills.

The group notes the pledge is a "moral commitment," rather than a legal contract. It says that by asking people to make public pledges, it hopes to generate conversations about philanthropy.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Ulukaya said he plans to devote his philanthropic efforts to helping refugees around the world. He said he has set up a website for a foundation, called Tent, which he plans to fund over time. He said Tent's activities will include raising awareness about refugee situations and helping provide relief on issues like education



This April 30, 2015 photo provided by Chobani LLC shows company founder and CEO Hamdi Ulukaya at the Chobani Soho cafe in New York.

and health care.

The 43-year-old Ulukaya had already pledged last year to donate \$2 million for refugees fleeing violence in his homeland, with initial donations being made to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. At the time, he said he wanted to bring attention to people caught up in fighting along the Iraq and Syria borders with Turkey, a region targeted by the militant Islamic State group.

In a draft of a letter declaring his pledge, Ulukaya said he was inspired by watching his mother "give to those who needed it" and that he had always planned to donate most of what he had.

Ulukaya said he became interested in The Giving Pledge because he liked the idea of being

able to tap into the knowledge of other philanthropists. Among those the group says have taken similar pledges are entrepreneur Elon Musk, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens.

A representative for The Giving Pledge did not respond when asked when this year's pledges would be announced.

Initially, Ulukaya said Tent will be housed in Chobani's office in New York City. He dismissed the notion that the effort would take away from his time at Chobani, noting that his charitable activities so far haven't interfered with his responsibilities.

"It's enough time to do all of it. I don't believe that you need to leave your business to do social good," he said.

Since its founding in 2007,

Chobani has helped drive the surging popularity of Greek yogurt, which is thicker and has more protein than traditional supermarket yogurt. More recently, however, it has been facing tougher competition from bigger companies like General Mills, which has been more aggressively pushing Greek varieties of its Yoplait yogurt.

Last year, Chobani said it secured \$750 million in financing from private equity firm TPG Capital when it was facing a cash crunch. The Wall Street Journal reported last week that Chobani is expected to name a new CEO in coming months as part of the deal with TPG. But Ulukaya said he doesn't plan to step away from his role anytime soon.

"I am the CEO, and I will de-

Bidding window opens for annual Buffett lunch auction

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—Billionaire Warren Buffett will again try to sell the world's most expensive lunch this week to raise money for a San Francisco charity that helps the poor and homeless.

Over the past 15 years, Buffett's lunch auction has raised \$17.9 million for the Glide Foundation. Buffett has often said that Glide gets remarkable results while helping "people that society had given up on."

The 16th annual lunch auction starts Sunday with a \$25,000 minimum bid on eBay, and continues until 9:30 p.m. CDT Friday.

Here are some key facts and figures about the auction:

Million-dollar meal

Last year's auction winner paid \$2,166,766 for a private audience with Buffett, the investor who leads the Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate.

That was a big jump from the \$1,000,100 the 2013 winner paid, but well below the

2012 record winning bid of \$3,456,789—the most expensive charity item ever sold on eBay.

If this year's auction at least matches last year's price, Buffett will have raised more than \$20 million for Glide over the years.

Priceless perspective

Buffett is regarded as one of the most successful investors in history, and his decision to give most of his fortune to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and four foundations run by his family makes him one of the biggest philanthropists ever. The only limit on the lunch conversation is what he might invest in next, but any other topic is open and Buffett stays for hours to answer questions.

Handing out hope

Glide provides meals, health care, job training, rehabilitation and housing support to the poor and homeless in San Francisco. It also counts on the auction for

a significant chunk of its \$18 million annual budget.

"Nobody who's donated to Glide has ever felt short-changed," Buffett said.

Serious steak

The winners of the lunch auction often dine at Smith & Wollensky steakhouse in New York City, which donates at least \$10,000 to Glide each year to host the lunch.

But some past winners wanted to remain anonymous and opted to dine at one of Buffett's favorite steakhouses in his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska.

One of those anonymous winners, Ted Weschler, wound up with a job offer from Buffett after he paid nearly \$5.3 million to win the 2010 and 2011 auctions. Buffett has said he's unlikely to hire another auction winner, but has praised Weschler's work as an investment manager for Berkshire.

The winner can bring up to seven friends.

Tattling on time-wasting boss a tricky proposition

Q: I recently discovered that my supervisor is behaving inappropriately. "Gina" often has to attend meetings outside the office, so she is frequently gone for long periods of time. Sometimes, when she is supposed to be at a meeting, Gina goes shopping instead or returns home for several hours.

Now I'm trying to decide whether I should report Gina's misconduct to her boss or human resources. Although I like Gina personally and don't want to be a tattletale, I believe this is actually a form of theft. Should I say something or just let it go?

A: Informing on the boss is always a risky proposition. But if you have solid evidence that Gina misrepresents her whereabouts and uses paid time for personal business, then you have a valid reason to do so. However, you should carefully assess the hazards before taking such a serious step.

Talking with human resources would probably be a safer bet, since upper managers may be tempted to "protect their own" by suppressing negative news. A competent HR manager is less likely to dismiss your concerns and more likely to launch an objective investigation.

If you do go to human resources, ask for explicit assur-

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ances that your identity will be protected. While this might seem like a logical assumption, some HR folks are not as strict about confidentiality as they should be. If you have any qualms about their trustworthiness, keep your information to yourself.

Should you choose to make this report, please understand that any subsequent investigation will be confidential. So if your supervisor is eventually disciplined for cheating, odds are that you will never know.

Q: One of my co-workers is a chronic complainer. "Matt" gripes about the thermostat setting, the building layout, the meetings we attend, the assignments he receives, and the fact that no one appreciates him. His constant whining drives me absolutely nuts. However, I'm afraid to say anything about it, because Matt is very easily offended. Do you have any suggestions?

A: If you are actually listen-

ing to this litany of grievances, then you have become part of the problem. Since it takes two to have a conversation, the solution is to simply withdraw your participation. This does not require you to be rude or critical, but you will need to be firmly assertive. Here are a few examples.

At work, productivity always trumps casual conversation: "Matt, I hate to interrupt, but I really need to get back to finishing my report." During breaks or lunch, introducing a new topic can help to shift the focus: "I'm sorry you're so unhappy about the staff meeting. By the way, you won't believe what happened at my son's ballgame last night."

But if all else fails, simply use the direct approach: "I can tell you feel strongly about this, but I'm afraid I don't agree, so I'd rather not spend time talking about it." The bottom line is that you can't control Matt's choice of topics, but you can decide whether you want to listen.

Nation

Surveillance powers set to lapse with no deal in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Security Agency is losing its authority to collect Americans' phone records in bulk, after GOP Sen. Rand Paul stood in the way of extending the fiercely contested program in an extraordinary Sunday Senate session.

But that program and several other post-Sept. 11 counter-terror measures look likely to be revived in a matter of days. With no other options, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, in an about-face, reluctantly embraced a House-passed bill that would extend the anti-terror provisions that expire Sunday at midnight, while also remaking the bulk phone collections program.

Although the lapse in the programs may be brief, intelligence officials warned that it could jeopardize Americans' safety and amount to a win for terrorists. But civil liberties groups applauded as Paul, who is running for president, forced the expiration of the once-secret program made public by NSA contractor Edward Snowden,

which critics say is an unconstitutional intrusion into Americans' privacy.

The Senate voted 77-17 to move ahead on the House-passed bill, the USA Freedom Act, which only last weekend fell three short of the 60 needed to advance in the Senate. For McConnell, it was a remarkable retreat after objecting ferociously that the House bill would make the bulk phone collections program unwieldy by requiring the government to search records maintained by phone companies.

"It's not ideal but, along with votes on some modest amendments that attempt to ensure the program can actually work as promised, it's now the only realistic way forward," McConnell said.

But no final action was expected before Sunday's midnight deadline after Paul served notice that he would assert his prerogative under Senate rules to delay a final vote for several days.

"This is what we fought the revolution over, are we going



AP
In this April 7, 2015 file photo, U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky. holds up his cell phone as he speaks before announcing the start of his presidential campaign at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Ky.

to so blithely give up our freedom? ... I'm not going to take it anymore," Paul declared on the Senate floor, as supporters wearing red "Stand With Rand"

T-shirts packed the spectator gallery.

Paul's moves infuriated fellow Republicans and they exited the chamber en masse when

he stood up to speak after the Senate's vote on the House bill.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. complained to reporters that Paul places "a higher priority

on his fundraising and his ambitions than on the security of the nation."

Paul, for his part, asserted that, "People here in town think I'm making a huge mistake. Some of them I think secretly want there to be an attack on the United States so they can blame it on me."

In addition to the bulk phone collections provision, two lesser-known Patriot Act provisions also lapse at midnight: one, so far unused, helps track "lone wolf" terrorism suspects unconnected to a foreign power; the second allows the government to eavesdrop on suspects who continually discard their cellphones. The House bill, backed by the White House, extends those two provisions unchanged, while remaking the bulk collection program so

Rape kits bring answers—and endings—for 2 women

CLEVELAND (AP)—For rape victims, the good news and the horrible news may be identical: "We may be able to identify your rapist."

On the one hand, results from an old rape kit can bring relief. On the other, the news can upend a life carefully rebuilt, bringing back excruciating pain that had eased over the years.

"I thought these women had so much time to process it," says Nicole DiSanto, a special investigator with the Cuyahoga County Sexual Assault Task Force, which is hunting down the attackers of hundreds of women whose rape kits were long abandoned. "But when you sit down with someone and you bring this up, you can see it on their faces. It's right there, it's right in the moment."

It's all there—the agony of revisiting the past, the satisfaction of closing a door on those horrors—in two stories from DiSanto's case files.

Allyssa Allison had always thought her landlord was the man who raped her, but she came to accept that she would never know for sure.

The masked intruder had entered by way of a broken latch on her bathroom window—the one she'd asked her landlord to fix. He was waiting in her apartment when she came home from her waitressing job on Oct. 8, 1993; he held a gun to her head and threatened to return and blow her head off.

She'd told police her suspicions, but the landlord's wife backed his alibi. Allison had to move on, and she did.

Nearly 20 years passed, and then DiSanto came to her door. She had a new lead. But Allison didn't give her a chance to explain. DiSanto recalls that she closed the door in her face—but not before the investigator managed to slip her business card in a crack.

Allison called DiSanto that



afternoon, and that's when she learned that some new tests from her old rape kit had found a DNA link to a possible suspect. His identity wasn't known, but the same DNA had also been tied to attacks on three other women, including

one in which Freddie "Lucky" Brown Jr. had been a suspect.

Allison's landlord.

But Brown had died in 2005. It was 2013. Now what?

DiSanto decided to ask Brown's son, then in his 20s, for a DNA swab. A familial match could determine if his father was the rapist.

"It was a gut-wrenching thing to do—telling this young man his father may be a rapist," she says. He knew nothing of his father's past as a possible sexual predator and DiSanto says when she told him, he cried. She'd noticed that in the house the son shared with his grandmother, there was just one photo on the refrigerator: his dad.

The son agreed to have his DNA taken. The results left no doubt.

"I tried to explain to him the sins of the father—those aren't his," DiSanto said. "It was a very emotional conversation. He was the nicest young man."

Sun returns to Texas, revealing flood damage across state

DALLAS (AP)—Most of Texas was set to get its first period of extended sunshine in weeks, allowing surging rivers to recede as emergency-management officials turn their attention to cleanup efforts in such places as Houston, where damage estimates top \$45 million.

Parts of the state were finally beginning to recover Sunday from weeks of rain and flooding that have made Texas a place of extremes: severe

drought conditions earlier in the year that have given way to unprecedented rainfall in some areas. At least 31 people have been killed in storms that began in Texas and Oklahoma over Memorial Day weekend. Twenty-seven of the deaths have been in Texas, and at least 10 people were still missing over the weekend.

The plentiful sun forecast for much of the state this week was expected to allow engorged

rivers such as the Trinity in North and East Texas, the Brazos southwest of Houston and Nueces in South Texas to flush massive volumes of water into the Gulf of Mexico.

More than 10 inches of rain has fallen during the last 30 days across nearly the entire central and eastern portion of the state—from the Texas Panhandle to the Mexico border. Isolated areas have received 15 to more than 20 inches.

"It's looking like there won't be any additional rain this week and that's good news," said National Weather Service meteorologist Dan Reilly in Houston.

The bad news, forecasters warn, is that the ground remains saturated and rivers and lakes swollen headed into tropical storm season, which begins Monday.

"We are more vulnerable now than we were before the rain," Reilly said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Washington farmers, wildlife managers prepare for drought

SEATTLE (AP)—With Washington state experiencing the worst mountain snowpack in decades and a drought emergency declared two weeks ago, farmers, growers and wildlife managers are preparing for a tough summer as conditions are expected to worsen. Some farmers and irrigators are forgoing watering crops and pastures for all or part of the season in exchange for lease payments from the state. Others are seeking permission to tap emergency wells or drill new ones. A large irrigation district in the Yakima River basin shut off the water for a few weeks this month to save supply for later. Fish managers are keeping close watch on rivers where salmon heading upstream may get stranded or could be harmed by shallow, warmer stream temperatures.

Material being lifted by crane in NYC falls; 10 injured

NEW YORK (AP)—A massive air-conditioning unit being lifted by a crane to the top of a Manhattan office building broke free Sunday, fell 28 stories and landed in the middle of Madison Avenue, injuring 10 people, officials said. Two were construction workers, while the others were pedestrians and occupants of passing cars, Mayor Bill de Blasio said. All were struck by debris

that caused minor injuries; they were treated at hospitals. Police said the emergency call came in around 10:45 a.m. Officers who responded to the high-rise building a short walk from Grand Central Terminal found that the crane's payload had broken free as it was heading to the top of the 28-story building. It plummeted to the street, shattering parts of the building facade composed of widening, stepped edges on the lower floors.

92-year-old becomes oldest woman to finish marathon

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A 92-year-old cancer survivor rocked her way into the record books Sunday, becoming the oldest woman to finish a marathon. Harriette Thompson of Charlotte, North Carolina, completed Sunday's Rock 'n' Roll Marathon in San Diego in 7 hours, 24 minutes, 36 seconds. She was mobbed by well-wishers as she crossed the finish line. "I'm fine, they're really pampering me here," Thompson said in a firm, joyful voice as people all around her shouted congratulations. This was her 16th Rock 'n' Roll Marathon and, by far, the hardest. "It's always harder but this year has been a bad year for me," she said, adding her husband died in January following a lingering illness and she battled a staph infection in one of her legs.

Asia

US defense secretary to ask Vietnam to end land reclamation

HAIPHONG, Vietnam (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter said Sunday he will urge Vietnamese officials to give up their reclamation projects in the South China Sea, making a direct plea after earlier calling for all countries in the Asia-Pacific region to halt the construction of artificial islands.

China's rapidly expanding building projects has raised tensions and caused concerns among the United States and its regional partners.

Speaking to reporters during a stop at a Vietnamese Navy base, Carter said that all the claimants in the South China Sea must halt their reclamation and any further militarization of the sites. Those would include Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines and Taiwan, but their projects are dwarfed by China's building program on reefs and atolls, which now totals more than 2,000 acres.

China is vigorously defending the projects in the face of persistent criticism from U.S. leaders, who say that the building programs will not provide Beijing any additional sovereign land. The U.S. and others are concerned that China will use the artificial islands as military bases and to assert control over navigation in the South China Sea.

Carter also toured a Coast Guard ship a day before his

scheduled meetings with Vietnamese leaders. Other topics expected to come up are maritime weapons sales.

Carter's comments come in the wake of disclosures that China had placed two motorized artillery vehicles on one of its reclamation sites. Officials have said the artillery has been moved.

This is Carter's first trip to Vietnam as defense secretary, and the first time a U.S. defense secretary has visited a Vietnamese Navy base or toured a military ship.

Two years ago, U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta visited the former U.S. air and naval base at Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam and went on board the USNS *Richard E. Byrd*, a cargo ship operated by the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command.

Carter said he planned to talk with Vietnamese officials about ongoing efforts by the U.S. to provide maritime defensive weapons to the country.

Last October the U.S. partially lifted its ban on weapons sales to Vietnam to boost the country's ability to defend itself in the South China Sea. Only the sale of lethal maritime security and surveillance capabilities are allowed on a case-by-case basis, including boats and air assets based on an evaluation of Vietnam's needs. But to date no weapons

have flowed to Vietnam.

U.S. Sen. John McCain said Saturday that the U.S. should gradually lift the weapons ban on Vietnam, amid heightened tensions with China over the reclamation projects.

China, Vietnam and other nations have conflicting claims over portions of the South China Sea. Both McCain and Carter attended an international security conference over the weekend in Singapore, where Carter urged the halt to reclamation projects by all in the region.

McCain, chairman of the U.S. Senate Armed Services Com-

mittee, said the U.S. should provide additional defensive weapons that could be used in case of a conflict with China. He added that the U.S. should continue its ban on weapons used for crowd control or to commit human rights abuses.

Carter said the U.S. will con-

tinue to discuss changes to the arms ban. He said the U.S. has some latitude to provide maritime weapons, including ships, now, but, "we'd obviously benefit from more latitude but we'd need legislative approval to do that" as well as endorsements from the administration.

Giant cross rises in Pakistan, home to a Christian minority



In this photo taken on Monday, May 18, 2015, a Pakistani Christian couple look at large cross, under construction at a cemetery in Karachi, Pakistan.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Schools reopen in areas of Nepal worst hit by earthquakes

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Thousands of schools across the districts worst hit by two major earthquakes in Nepal reopened Sunday. With most school buildings damaged or unsafe, the Education Ministry ordered that classes be held in temporary classrooms. The earthquakes on April 25 and May 12 killed 8,693 people and injured 22,221 others. It's estimated that more than 90 percent of schools were destroyed in the worst-hit districts of Gorkha, Sindhupalchok and Nuwakot. According to a UNICEF statement, 32,000 classrooms were destroyed and 15,352 classrooms were damaged after the two major earthquakes in Nepal.

Thailand's 87-year-old king returns to Bangkok hospital

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's 87-year-old king returned to a hospital in Bangkok on Sunday after spending three weeks at his palace in a coastal resort south of the capital. An official statement from the Royal Household Bureau said an ailing King Bhumibol Adulyadej returned to Siriraj Hospital for a regular checkup. The statement

did not say when or if he would return to the seaside city of Hua Hin. Bhumibol, the world's longest-reigning monarch, has resided in Siriraj on and off for years. His last stay lasted seven months after having his gallbladder removed.

Myanmar detains journalists covering boat people 'rescue'

BAY OF BENGAL, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's navy briefly detained journalists who tried to reach a remote island Sunday where more than 700 migrants were being held after their giant wooden ship was found drifting off the country's southwestern coast. Some journalists were forced to hand over their camera memory cards or sign documents saying they would not try to make the journey again. The wooden boat was one of more than a half-dozen that have either washed to Southeast Asian shores or been rescued in the last month following a massive, regional crackdown on human trafficking networks. Around half of the 3,700 people to come ashore have been Rohingya Muslims fleeing persecution in Myanmar, according to the U.N. Refugee Agency, and the remainder Bangladeshis escaping poverty.

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Now towering over this violent port city in Pakistan, where Islamic militant attacks and gangland shootings remain common, is an uncommon sight in this Muslim-majority country: a 42-meter (140-foot) Christian cross.

The cross, being built by a businessman who said the idea came to him in a dream, is rising as Christians here often face discrimination. A tiny minority of Pakistan's 180 million people are Christians who eke out livings in menial jobs

like garbage collection.

Christians have faced mob violence in blasphemy cases, which often turn out to be false allegations over personal disputes. Under Pakistan's harsh blasphemy laws, anyone accused of insulting Islam, the Prophet Muhammad or other religious Islamic figures can be sentenced to death.

Christians also face extremist attacks. A Taliban suicide attack outside two churches in Lahore in March killed 15 people during services. In 2013, another Taliban suicide attack killed

over 80 people at the All Saints Church in Peshawar.

The persecution has forced some Christians to flee, though some remain, like businessman Parvez Henry Gill. Gill said he had a dream some two years ago in which God told him to do something for his community.

"I want to show the world the Christian community in Pakistan has religious freedom," he said.

Gill said some people have criticized the cross, but "I leave that to God."

Likely to be completed in a few months, the cross stands

at the entrance of a Christian cemetery in the center of Karachi. The cemetery, built under British rule, is nearly 200 years old and its administrators will take care of the cross once it's constructed.

The construction of the cross came as a surprise to many living around it, neighbor Adnan Ali said. But Bishop Sadiq Danial of Church of Pakistan, an Episcopal church, said he offered to demolish the cross if it becomes too divisive, though he doubted it would come to pass.

"We spread peace," he said.

Rain of little relief to south India; heat toll nears 2,200

HYDERABAD, India (AP)—Despite hopes that weekend thundershowers would help end a raging heat wave in southern India, the rain brought only limited relief as the death toll since mid-April approached 2,200.

Officials said Sunday that the intense heat was likely to continue for another day in worst-hit Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states.

Daytime temperatures hovered between 45 and 47 degrees Celsius (113-116 Fahrenheit) in parts of the two states over the weekend, 3 to 7 degrees Celsius (5 to 12 degrees Fahrenheit)

above normal, said K.Y. Reddy, a director of the Meteorological Center in the Telangana state capital of Hyderabad. Thundershowers brought relief to people in other areas.

Andhra Pradesh has been hit the hardest, with 1,636 people dying in the state from the heat over the past month and a half, a government statement said. Another 561 people have died in neighboring Telangana, said Sada Bhargavi, a state disaster management commissioner.

Heat-related deaths also have been reported in other parts of India.

Twenty-two people have died in northern Uttar Pradesh state over the past two weeks, said Raj Shekhar, a state government official. The Press Trust of India news agency said 21 people have died from the heat in eastern Orissa state, seven in western Gujarat state and two in New Delhi, India's capital.

"We can't bear this heat. The situation is worsened by frequent power outages," said Rekha Tiwari, a housewife in Lucknow, the Uttar Pradesh state capital.

Mohammed Waseem, a cart puller who was drenched in

sweat, had no respite as he went about delivering goods in New Delhi, where temperatures hovered around 41 C (106 F) on Sunday after a brief morning shower. "I have to work to feed myself," he said.

Cooling monsoon rains are expected this week in southern India before gradually advancing north. The monsoon season will last until the end of September.

Forecasting service AccuWeather warned last week of prolonged drought conditions in India, with the monsoon likely to be disrupted by a more active typhoon season over the Pacific.

World

Egypt: 2,600 killed after ouster of Islamist president

CAIRO (AP)—At least 2,600 people were killed in violence in the 18 months after the military overthrew Egypt's president in 2013, nearly half of them supporters of the Islamist leader, the head of a state-sanctioned rights body said Sunday.

Mohammed Fayege, head of the National Council for Human Rights, told reporters that the 2,600 included 700 policemen and 550 civilians who were killed in the period between June 30, 2013 and Dec. 31, 2014.

The council is a nominally independent group sanctioned by the government. It has no judicial or law enforcement powers.

The military overthrew Mohammed Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president, on July 3, 2013, amid massive protests demanding his resignation. In the following months, his supporters held regular demonstrations that set off deadly clashes with police and rival protesters.

The violence culminated on Aug. 14, 2013, when police violently dispersed two pro-



AP
In this Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2013 file photo, wounded supporters of ousted Islamist President Mohammed Morsi lie on the floor of a makeshift hospital at a sit-in in Cairo, Egypt.

Morsi sit-ins in Cairo, killing at least 600 of his supporters. Islamic militants retaliated by attacking police stations and churches.

Since then, the military-backed government has waged a sweeping crackdown on Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood—now

outlawed and branded a terrorist group—and jailed secular activists for taking part in unauthorized street protests. Those jailed include some of the leading secular and left-wing activists behind the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

An appeals court in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria on Sunday sentenced prominent activist and rights lawyer Mahi-

enour el-Masry to 15 months in jail for her part in a demonstration by lawyers against police brutality three months before Morsi's ouster. Two other Alexandria activists were convicted and received a similar prison term.

On hearing the verdict, el-Masry chanted "Down, down with military rule!"

Fayege criticized the practice of detaining suspects for extend-

ed periods pending the filing of formal charges and trial, saying it amounts to "punishment for crimes not committed." He said holding cells at police stations are filled to 400 percent capacity and prisons to 160 percent.

Fayege said that while the Interior Ministry, which controls the country's police, announced the deaths of 36 people in detention, various human rights groups put the figure at between 80 and 98.

"The phenomenon of death in detention had disappeared after the 2011 uprising, but has since made a comeback. There is no proof that they died as a result of torture, but there is also nothing to prove otherwise," he said.

Another human rights group, the Arabic Network for Human Rights Information, issued a critical report on Sunday saying authorities were selectively using lengthy detentions to jail activists. Prominent Mubarak-era officials, as well as police offi-

cers accused of killing protesters, have been mostly spared such lengthy detentions, even though they are well-positioned to leave the country, intimidate witnesses or tamper with evidence.

Rights groups and activists have alleged widespread human rights abuses since Morsi's ouster, including the return of the Mubarak-era practice of using torture to punish detainees or extract confessions.

Negad Borai, a lawyer and rights activist, was questioned twice by investigating judges this month for drafting an anti-torture law and sending it to the office of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who as military chief led Morsi's ouster and who was elected president a year ago.

The law would have prescribed stricter punishment for those found guilty of torture and provide state assistance for victims.

Two senior judges that Borai consulted on the draft are expected to be disciplined, according to Borai.

"My questioning over the draft law is a message that says the state protects torture," he told The Associated Press.

Israel PM Netanyahu warns of Palestinian boycott campaign

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel faces an "international campaign to blacken its name" aimed at delegitimizing its very existence regardless to its policies, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday. The international community disproportionately singles out the Jewish state for condemnation while remaining silent on major conflicts and human rights abuses in other countries, he said.

Netanyahu made the comments Sunday at a meeting of his new Cabinet just two days after a Palestinian proposal to suspend Israel from world football was dropped at the last moment. Netanyahu warned that such efforts to boycott Israel continue. Palestinians accelerated their campaign to boycott Israel and Israeli-made products after peace talks collapsed last year.

"We are in the midst of a great struggle being waged against the state of Israel, an international campaign to blacken its name. It is not connected to our actions; it is connected to our very existence. It does not matter what we do; it matters what we symbolize and what we are," Netanyahu said. "I think that it is important to understand that these things do not stem from the fact that if only we were nicer or a little more generous—we are very generous, we have made many offers, we have made many concessions—that anything would change because this campaign to delegitimize Israel entails something much

deeper that is being directed at us and seeks to deny our very right to live here," he said.

The Israeli prime minister said the Palestinian boycott is reminiscent of similar attacks the Jewish people faced in the past.

"Now, this is a phenomenon that we have known in the history of our people. What hasn't been said about the Jewish people? They said that we are the focus of all evil in the world. All of these things are being said about us today as well. It was not true then and it is not true today. This does not have a shred of truth," he said.

Netanyahu said that he was pleased the Palestinian attempt to have Israel suspended from FIFA, world soccer's governing body, was rebuffed in the end, but warned that Israel will face similar boycott efforts in the future.

Palestinians had pushed to get Israel banned because they said Israeli security restrictions limited the movement of Palestinian players, visiting teams and soccer equipment.

Israel accused the Palestinians of politicizing sports and insisted its security concerns are valid, especially regarding movement in and out of the Gaza Strip—which is ruled by the Islamic militant group Hamas.

"We are not a perfect country; we do not pretend to be such, but they are setting standards for us that are both twisted and higher than those for any other country, any other democracy," he said.

Blast injures 4 in Nigerian city, day after attacks kill 30

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—A bomb wounded four people Sunday in a market in Maiduguri, a day after 30 people were killed in the northeastern Nigerian city by a suicide bomber and attackers firing rocket-propelled grenades.

The Boko Haram militant group is suspected in the attacks which followed Friday's inauguration of President Muhammadu Buhari, who said he is moving the headquarters for the Nigerian military's fight against the extremists to Maiduguri from the capital of Abuja.

Sunday's blast came from

explosives concealed in bags of charcoal at the Gamboru market, said trader Jafar Aminu.

"The explosion did not kill anyone but injured four persons, including one whose arm was completely ripped off by the blast," Aminu said.

The market in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno state, has been hit by several attacks that have killed dozens of people in the past three years.

Maiduguri is the birthplace of Boko Haram, which for nearly six years has led an Islamic uprising in northeastern Nigeria that has killed an estimated

13,000 people in a campaign of bombings, hit-and-run attacks and abductions.

A multinational offensive this year forced the insurgents from towns where they had declared an Islamic caliphate.

Nigeria's military says Boko Haram's main fighting force is trapped in the northeastern Sambisa Forest. But the insurgents keep attacking Maiduguri, which is 200 kilometers (125 miles) away.

Maiduguri's population of 2 million has swelled with hundreds of thousands of refugees who have been forced from

their homes.

Thirteen people were killed Saturday in Maiduguri when Boko Haram fighters fired rocket-propelled grenades on the western outskirts—a new tactic that destroyed several homes, according to witnesses.

Later Saturday, a suicide bomber blew himself up outside a Maiduguri mosque, killing 16.

Also Sunday, the insurgents attacked the town of Fika in the neighboring state of Yobe. No one was killed, but several government offices were burned down and shops were looted, said local merchant Modu Fika.

WORLD BRIEFS

Kerry breaks leg in bicycle crash; returning to US Monday

GENEVA (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry broke his leg in a bicycle crash Sunday after striking a curb and scrapped the rest of a four-nation trip that included an international conference on combating the Islamic State group. He planned to return to the United States on Monday. Kerry was staying overnight in a Swiss hospital overnight as a precaution, State Department spokesman John Kirby said, before flying to Boston for further treatment at Massachusetts General Hospital. "The secretary continues to be in great spirits and active," Kirby said.

"He has done a range of phone calls including with the president?," Kerry, 71, fractured his right femur after crashing his bike near Scionzier, France, about 40 kilometers southeast of the Swiss border.

Report: Fuel tank explodes in Syrian clinic, killing 25

BEIRUT (AP)—A fuel tank exploded inside a clinic in the predominantly Kurdish northeastern Syrian town of Qamishli Sunday, killing at least 25 people, including children, state TV and activists said. The Syrian TV report said the explosion also wounded 30. Juan Mohammed, a Kurdish official in the nearby city of Hassakeh,

said the explosion happened as the clinic was packed with children who were brought to receive polio vaccinations. Mohammed said it appeared that a gas cylinder exploded inside the clinic in what led to an explosion of an oxygen cylinder that was nearby. He said that the two blasts led to a third explosion in the fuel tank killing 25 people including 12 staffers and some children.

Italian premier's Democrats facing loss in key regional race

ROME (AP)—Premier Matteo Renzi's squabbling Democratic Party appeared headed for a stinging defeat in a key race in voting for

governorships in several Italian regions, partial counting of ballots indicated Monday. Vote tallies by the Interior Ministry from just over 10 percent of precincts in the northwest region of Liguria, long a left-wing stronghold, indicated the Democrats were trailing a center-right candidate who was hand-picked by Silvio Berlusconi, the scandal-tainted, former conservative premier. Draining votes away from Renzi's candidate for Liguria governor in Sunday's election was a left-wing candidate who was backed by a rebellious Democratic Party faction chafing at what it calls the premier's overbearing leadership style.

Overdrive

Style and features lift Kia Sorento to near-luxury status

By MARK PHELAN
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Korean automaker Kia approaches the fringes of the luxury market with the 2016 Sorento SXL, a midsize SUV (I give it three out of four stars) priced and equipped to compete with vehicles ranging from the Chevrolet Equinox to the Lincoln MKX.

The refinement of some of the Sorento's features doesn't match the leading competitors—even non-luxury models like the Nissan Murano and Ford Edge—but the striking SUV compensates for that with a long list of features.

The Sorento is one of the biggest midsize crossover SUVs, big enough that some models offer an option of three rows of seats for up to seven passengers.

The Sorento's primary competitors are five-seat SUVs like the Acura RDX, Equinox, Dodge Journey, Ford Edge, Hyundai Santa Fe Sport, Jeep Cherokee, Lexus RX, MKX and Nissan Murano.

That's a wide range of vehicles, but the Sorento has an exceptionally broad model line. In addition to either five or seven seats, it comes with front- or all-wheel-drive and a choice of two four-cylinder engines or a V-6. All Sorentos have a six-speed automatic transmission.

Sorento prices start at \$24,900 for a front-drive model with a 185-horsepower 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine. All-wheel-drive models start at \$26,800 with the same engine. A powerful 2.0-liter turbo generates 240 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque from prices starting at \$31,100 with front-drive and \$32,900 with AWD. A



The 2016 Sorento SXL travels on the fringes of the luxury market as a comfortable, roomy and affordable option.

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2016 Kia Sorento SXL AWD

All-wheel-drive five-passenger midsize SUV

Price as tested: \$44,200 (excluding destination charge)

Rating: Three out of four stars

Reasons to buy: Looks; features; room; interior look and feel

Shortcomings: Steering feel; crashed my iPod Classic; voice recognition

EPA fuel economy rating: 19 mpg city/25 highway/22 combined. Regular gasoline.

Base prices (excluding destination charge): \$41,700

Engine: 2.0-liter turbocharged 16-valve four-cylinder

Power: 240 horsepower at 6,000 rpm; 260 pound-feet of torque at 1,450-3,500 rpm

Transmission: Six-speed automatic

Wheelbase: 109.4 inches

Length: 187.4 inches

Width: 74.4 inches

Height: 66.5 inches

Curb Weight: 4,303 lbs.

290-horsepower 3.3-liter V-6 tops the lineup and starts at \$31,700 for FWD and \$33,500

with AWD.

I tested an AWD SXL with the 2.0-liter turbo that was very

close to the top of the model line. It had two rows of seats, a large sunroof, Bluetooth audio and phone compatibility, voice recognition, navigation, adaptive cruise control, Nappa leather upholstery, lane departure warning and much more.

It stickered at \$44,200. All prices exclude destination charges.

The Sorento's prices are generally at the low end of its competitive set, but it's among the largest midsize SUVs inside and out.

The front seat is roomy and has plenty of storage cubbies. The gauges are big and easy to read. A big touch screen and

plenty of conventional buttons and dials make it easy to control audio and climate. The voice recognition system's understanding of contact names and navigation instructions is not as fast or accurate as the best competitors. The audio system crashed my USB-connected iPod Classic, a problem I've consistently had with Kia's UVO system. It worked fine streaming audio from my iPhone 6, however.

The interior of my vehicle was trimmed in appealing materials. The dash and doors were soft to the touch. Brushed

chrome and black glossy plastic completed the package.

The rear seat is comfortable and roomy. The cargo compartment is bigger than all the competitors except the new Journey, RX, and the new 2015 models of the Edge and Murano.

The Sorento's exterior design is handsome, with a snub nose, sleek roofline and flared fenders.

The 2.0-liter turbo is powerful and fuel efficient. The transmission doesn't always shift fast enough to maximize the engine's potential, but its broad torque curve and high output make the Sorento a capable cruiser.

The Sorento rated 19 mpg city, 25 highway and 22 combined in Environmental Protection Agency tests. The key combined figure trails only the 2015 Edge's 2.0-liter turbo among four-cylinder engines and the V-6 Cherokee and Murano, both of which benefit from advanced transmissions. The Sorento's turbo-four also runs fine on regular gasoline, giving it an edge in affordability over the RDX, which scored the same combined mpg but uses premium.

The Sorento's ride is very comfortable. The suspension absorbs bumps from rough road surfaces with aplomb. The steering is very light and numb, providing very little feedback to the driver. That's the only drawback in an otherwise competent chassis.

Midsize SUVs buyers are increasingly driven by styling and features. The Sorento combines those virtues with a very competitive price to present an appealing package.

GM pickups named to Takata air bag recall

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DETROIT—General Motors said 330,000 Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra heavy duty pickup trucks are part of the largest ever recall of vehicles equipped with Takata air bags.

The affected trucks are from the 2007 and 2008 model years. Dealers will replace the inflators at no cost to customers. GM says it knows of no crashes or injuries due to performance of the air bags in these vehicles.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released the model information on Friday. The vehicles are equipped with air bag inflators made by Takata Corp. of Japan that can inflate with too much force, rupture and spray shrapnel into the passenger compartment.

Six people have been killed and more than 100 injured due to the problem.

In addition NHTSA said Subaru will add about 60,000 vehicles to a previous recall along the Gulf Coast for passenger air bag inflators. The recall is now national in scope.

This brings the Subaru vehicles recalled to about 81,000. Additional models include 2004-2005 Impreza and the 2005 Saab 9-2X, which was manufactured by Subaru.

On Thursday, Honda, Fiat Chrysler, BMW, Ford and Mitsubishi released their models added to the recall. Eleven automakers have vehicles included in the Takata recall expansion. Other companies include Daimler Trucks, Mazda, Nissan, and Toyota. Nissan said it would not add U.S. vehicles in the latest recall expansion. Vehicles from other automakers will be announced later.

For more details on the recall, go to www.safercar.gov/rs/takata/index.html

UNDER THE HOOD

Your car won't run without a functioning crankshaft position sensor

By BRAD BERGHOLDT
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Q: I just got my 2010 Ford Escape (a four cylinder) back from the repair shop. It hadn't been starting, and I was told the cause was a broken crankshaft sensor. The repair seems to be successful and the cost was reasonable. I was curious, though, what is this part and why is it necessary?—Alice H.

A: It's great someone figured out the problem and was able to make a successful repair. Crankshaft position sensors are used on all modern vehicles to determine engine speed, crankshaft position and engine speed fluctuations. Speed information is used for many engine management operational decisions. Positioning information is important so that fuel and ignition can occur at just the right time for each cylinder. And fluctua-

tions are studied to determine if misfiring is occurring.

The crankshaft position sensor is the most important of all engine management sensors and the engine will absolutely not run without it. Determining that a faulty sensor is preventing a vehicle from starting is actually pretty easy, as the engine will not have ignition spark, fuel injector pulses or an rpm reading on the tachometer or a scan tool. Camshaft position sensors are also used, so the management system knows what stroke the crankshaft is in at anytime. Many systems are smart enough to try guessing should this sensor fail and allow the engine to run without it.

In your case, a magnetic crankshaft positioning sensor is used. It's the simplest of several types. It contains a coil of very fine wire and a magnet and is

mounted at the front of the engine, adjacent to a toothed pulse wheel. As each iron tooth of the wheel passes near the tip of the sensor, a small electrical pulse is generated. The wheel contains 35 teeth (36 spaces with one missing). This setup results in a signal pulse being sent for every 10 degrees of crankshaft rotation and an indicator (missing pulse) occurring 60 degrees before top dead center for cylinders 1 and 4.

Problems with a crankshaft position sensor can be complete failure, likely caused by the fine wire breaking, or a more frustrating to diagnose intermittent fault that causes the engine to cut out or sputter. It's tough to say what the cause was for your failure. Heat and vibration likely played a role. Odds are your replacement part should last the remaining life of the Escape.

Q: The gas tank door on my

2011 Hyundai Sonata is making me crazy. Sometimes it won't open unless I poke and fiddle with it quite a bit. I'm afraid I'll become stranded if I'm not able to buy gas at the right time. Help!—Gene Parsons

A: This has an easy fix! Hyundai issued a service campaign bulletin in December 2010 providing instructions for adjustment of the door's actuator and latch spring tension. It's a quick and effective fix if the instructions are carefully followed. This can be done by the dealer or an independent shop with access to the needed service information.

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Life & Style

Maine man to explore final resting places of poets in South

FREEPORT, Maine (AP)—A former teacher who travels the country to document the final resting places of poets is looking forward to calling attention to African-American poets on a tour of the South and elsewhere.

Black poets have been writing about injustice and hardship since the days of slavery, and the theme rings true today, given the recent unrest surrounding police killings of black men, Walter Skold said.

“African-American poets have been going through the same turmoil. They’ve been right there. They’ve chronicled the great sorrows and successes that African-Americans have had,” he said.

Skold, who is the founder of the Dead Poets Society of America, intends to reach a milestone of the 500th grave during the 16-state, 10-week pilgrimage, which kicks off Saturday in Baltimore at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe before moving into the South. For the trip, he’s visiting 90 graves, including those of 47 state poets laureate across the region.

Fifteen African-American poets include Albery Whitman, who was born a slave, spoke out against the treatment of the Seminoles in Florida and was dubbed the “poet laureate of the Negro race.” He’s buried in Atlanta.

Others include Arna Bon-



AP
In this Thursday, May 28, 2015 photo, an Edgar Allan Poe bobble-head rests on the dashboard of a utility van dubbed “Dedgar the Poemobile,” driven by its owner, Dead Poets Society of America founder Walter Skold, left, in Freeport, Maine.

done with this trip, he plans to finish a documentary, “Finding Frost: Poets and The Graves.”

He sometimes sleeps in graveyards to get the best light for photographs and video that he uses to document the graves. But he says he has never communed with the ghosts or spirits of bards.

“I feel a connection to the poets, but it’s a historical one,” he said. “The whole nature of my project has become celebratory. It’s not something that I see as morbid at all.”

His adventures were nearly cut short in 2010, when he suffered a heart attack in New Jersey after visiting Walt Whitman’s grave.

After a hospital stay in Princeton, he traveled to the nearby grave of Henry van Dyke, author of the poem that begins, “Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,” to play his harmonica and offer a prayer of thanks that he’s not yet a dead poet.

temps, a Louisiana-born poet who was part of the Harlem Renaissance and is buried in Nashville, Tennessee; Robert Charles Benjamin, who’s buried in Lexington, Kentucky, where he was shot in 1900 while trying to get blacks to register to vote; and Melvin Tolson, Liberia’s poet laureate, buried in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

One of the more offbeat po-

ets is Sun Ra, who’s better known as a musical composer and performer who espoused a “cosmic philosophy” and claimed to be from Saturn. He’s buried in his home state in Birmingham, Alabama.

Jericho Brown, who leads poetry workshops at Emory University in Atlanta, said there’s a diversity of viewpoints and experiences among

black poets that defies any single narrative. But there are cultural influences, like Missouri-born Langston Hughes’ use of the rhythms of jazz and blues in his poetry, he said.

“Being black affords you the opportunity to see things that others might not be able to see,

to give you experiences that others may not have,” Brown said.

Skold, 54, of Freeport, is a poet himself. He travels in a souped-up box van dubbed “Dedgar the Poemobile,” with a whimsical portrait of Poe on the side, solar panels on the roof and a single bed inside. When he’s

Matt Dillon puts rare celebrity spotlight on Rohingya

SITTWE, Myanmar (AP)—American actor Matt Dillon put a rare star-powered spotlight on Myanmar’s long-persecuted Rohingya Muslims, visiting a hot, squalid camp for tens of thousands displaced by violence and a port that has served as one of the main launching pads for their exodus by sea.

It was “heartbreaking,” he said after meeting a young man with a raw, open leg wound from a road accident and no means to treat it.

Mothers carrying babies with clear signs of malnutrition stood listlessly outside row after row of identical bamboo huts, toddlers playing nearby in the chalky white dust.

“No one should have to live like this, people are really suffering,” said Dillon, wearing his trademark black T-shirt and jeans. “They are being strangled slowly, they have no hope for the future and nowhere to go.”

Though Rohingya have been victims of state-sponsored discrimination for decades, conditions started deteriorating three years ago after the predominantly Buddhist country of 50 million began its bumpy transition from a half-century of dictatorship to democracy.

Taking advantage of newfound freedoms of expression, radical monks started fanning deep-seated societal hatred for the religious minority.

Hundreds have been killed by machete-wielding mobs and a quarter million others now live under apartheid-like conditions in camps or have fled by boat—hundreds of dehydrated, hungry Rohingya washing onto Southeast Asian shores in recent weeks.

As they become increasingly marginalized, several groups are warning that the building blocks of genocide are in place.

“I know that’s a very touchy word to use. But there’s a very ominous feeling here,” said Dillon, one of the first celebrities to try to get a first-hand look at what life is like for Rohingya in the western state of Rakhine.

Denied citizenship, they are effectively stateless with almost no basic rights.

Dillon said he decided to come to Myanmar following a desperate, urgent appeal by Rohingya activist Thun Khin at a Refugees International fundraiser in Washington, D.C., just over a month ago. In Japan to promote his new television series, Wayward Pines, he decided it was a good time to make the trip.

“There are people working here, people who know a hell of a lot more about it than I do,” Dillon said after hearing grumbling from some aid workers about what he hoped to achieve. “But listen, if I can use my voice to draw attention to something,

where I see people suffering, I’ll do that any day of the week. I’m happy to do that.”

He spoke to two teenage boys who tried to flee by boat, only to find themselves in the hands of human traffickers, and was chased away by armed security guards when trying to snap pictures of the last standing Rohingya neighborhood in the state capital—a ghetto surrounded by tall walls topped by rolls of heavy barbed wire.

But what really choked him up were the camps: “It affected me more than I thought it would.”

While there were clear signs humanitarian agencies are active—new latrines, well-placed hand pumps, concrete open sewers—he noted in contrast to camps he’s visited in Sudan and the Congo, he didn’t run into a single Western aid worker during his two-day visit.

Nor were NGO trucks rumbling through with medical equipment, food or other supplies—due primarily to severe restrictions placed on aid agencies by the government following pressure from Buddhist extremists.

“I’ve been to some places where the threats of violence seemed more imminent,” he said. “Here it’s something else. It feels more like people are going to be left to wither away and die.”

‘San Andreas’ shakes way to top spot at domestic box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson out-muscled the competition at domestic movie theaters as the earthquake epic “San Andreas” hauled in an estimated \$53.2 million over the weekend. It was Johnson’s biggest debut for a non-sequel as the top-billed actor, according to box office tracker Rentrak.

The action star helped the movie over-perform on the West Coast despite fears that audiences in earthquake-prone regions would stay away, said Dan Fellman, president of domestic distribution for Warner Bros., which distributed the film made by its New Line unit.

“Some people felt they’d be a little nervous watching such a disaster hit both Los Angeles and San Francisco, but there was a curiosity factor,” Fellman said. “They went, they packed the theaters and they liked it.”

“Aloha,” the critically maligned romantic comedy from director Cameron Crowe, opened in sixth place with \$10 million.

The movie was dogged by controversy. Leaked emails from former Sony Pictures Entertainment co-chair Amy Pascal last year labeled the “Aloha” script “ridiculous.” Then, some Native Hawaiian groups opposed the title as

1. **“San Andreas,”** \$53.2 million (\$60 million international).
2. **“Pitch Perfect 2,”** \$14.8 million (\$10.4 million international).
3. **“Tomorrowland,”** \$13.8 million (\$29.3 million international).
4. **“Mad Max: Fury Road,”** \$13.6 million (\$21.6 million international).
5. **“Avengers: Age of Ultron,”** \$10.9 million (\$17.6 million international).
6. **“Aloha,”** \$10 million.
7. **“Poltergeist,”** \$7.8 million (\$6.6 million international).
8. **“Far From the Madding Crowd,”** \$1.4 million.
9. **“Hot Pursuit,”** \$1.4 million.
10. **“Home,”** \$1.2 million (\$2.7 million international).

misappropriating the concept of the word. An Asian American group criticized the use of a nearly all-white cast in a film shot in Hawaii, a heavily Asian island chain.

A slew of critics slammed the movie—many calling it confusing, wondering if parts of it were missing, and saying it was Cameron’s worst film ever despite the all-star cast of Bradley Cooper, Emma Stone,

and Rachel McAdams. They combined to give it a Rotten Tomatoes score of just 17 percent.

Rory Bruer, Sony Pictures Entertainment’s president of worldwide distribution, said “Aloha” did well enough with women aged 25–34 to overcome the negative buzz. The film cost about \$37 million to make.

“Ultimately, we are going to come out just fine on the movie. But more than anything we’re proud of the film,” he said.

After showings, audiences gave “San Andreas” 3.5 out of 5 stars on average, while giving “Aloha” just 2 out of 5.

Paul Dergarabedian, Rentrak’s senior media analyst, said the expectations—busting performance of “San Andreas” in theaters helped jolt Hollywood out of a funk that began on the Memorial Day long weekend.

“For it to perform in this way when typically the summer is driven by sequels proves the power of Dwayne Johnson at the box office,” Dergarabedian said. “He’s a seismic event all on his own.”

For the year to date, box office revenues for theaters in the U.S. and Canada are up nearly 5 percent at \$4.26 billion, while attendance is up more than 4 percent.

Enrique Iglesias recovering after fingers sliced at concert

NEW YORK (AP)—Enrique Iglesias was recovering Sunday after some of his fingers were sliced when he grabbed a drone during a concert in Tijuana, Mexico.

A representative for the singer said in a statement to The Associated Press that Iglesias was “semi-treated” after the accident at the side of the stage to stop the bleeding on Saturday night. He was advised to end the show but went on to perform for an additional 30 minutes.

“During the show a drone is



In this photo provided by Francis Ramsden, Enrique Iglesias performs while holding his bloodied and bandaged right hand behind his back during a concert in Tijuana, Mexico on Saturday, May 30, 2015.

used to get crowd shots and some nights Enrique grabs the drone to give the audience a Point of View shot. Something went wrong and he had an accident,” the statement read. “He decided to go on and continued playing for 30 minutes while the bleeding continued throughout the show.”

Concertgoers at Plaza de Toros de Playas posted photos on social media of Iglesias, 40, with blood all over his white T-shirt.

“He was rushed to the airport where an ambulance met him there. He was then put on a plane to L.A. to see a specialist,” the statement read.

Iglesias’ show for 12,000 fans is part of his Sex and Love World Tour. His website says his next show is in July in Mexico City.

Betsy Palmer, dies; was killer cook in ‘Friday the 13th’

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Betsy Palmer, the veteran character actress who achieved lasting, though not necessarily sought-after, fame as the murderous camp cook in the cheesy horror film “Friday the 13th,” has died at age 88.

Palmer died Friday of natural causes at a hospice care center in Connecticut, her longtime manager, Brad Lemack, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

Palmer had appeared in films, on Broadway and in TV shows for decades before she took the role of Mrs. Voorhees in the campy 1980 movie in which young camp counselors suddenly begin meeting their bloody demise. The back story was that she was the mother of Jason Voorhees, who had died at the camp years before. He would come to life in several sequels that Palmer passed on.

She would say in later years that she only took the role in that first film because she wanted the money to buy a new car.

Palmer had appeared in numerous TV shows dating to the early 1950s Golden Age of Television. Among them were such classic dramas as “Kraft Theatre,” “Playhouse 90” and “Studio One.”

Her film credits included “Mr. Roberts” with Henry Fonda, “The Long Gray Line” with Tyrone Power and Maureen O’Hara, “Queen Bee” with Joan Crawford, and “The Tin Star” with Fonda and Anthony Perkins.

Other TV credits included “Knot’s Landing,” “The Love Boat,” “Newhart,” “Just Shoot Me” and “Murder, She Wrote.” She also appeared in several Broadway plays, including “Same Time, Next Year” and “Cactus Flower.”

Palmer is survived by her daughter, Melissa Merendino.

Kim Kardashian, Kanye West expecting second child

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kimye are expecting another baby.

Kim Kardashian says she is pregnant with her second child with Kanye West.

She revealed the news in a clip that appeared after Sunday’s episode of the E! reality show “Keeping Up With the Kardashians.”

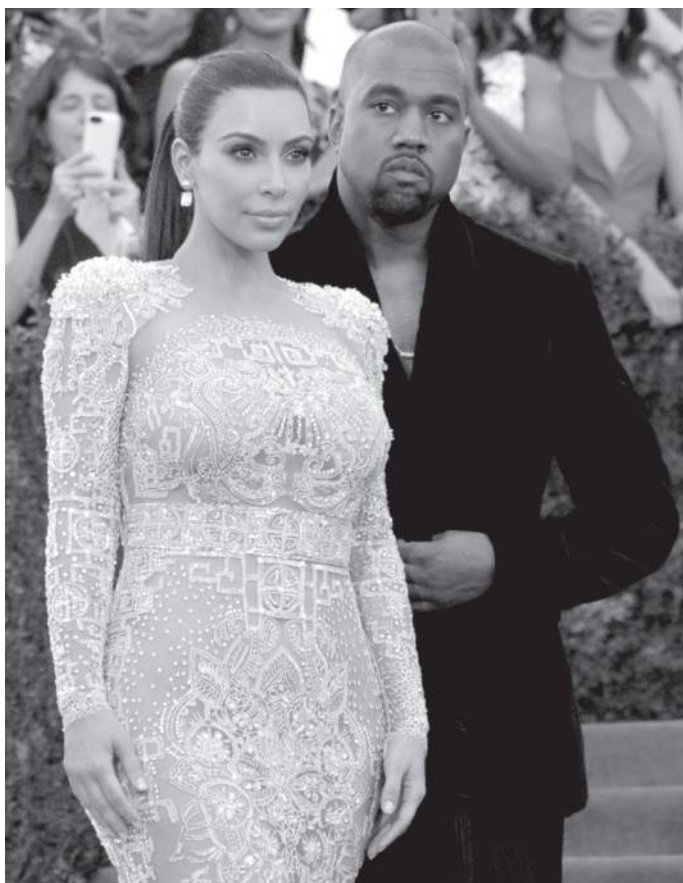
The show documented her fertility struggles, and she confided that an attempt to conceive through in vitro fertilization had failed.

The clip shows Kardashian telling her sister, Khloe, that a blood test following another attempt confirmed she was pregnant.

The couple has a nearly 2-year-old daughter, North West, who was born on June 15, 2013.

They got engaged four months later in an elaborate marriage proposal in front of family and friends in San Francisco. They married in May 2014 in Florence, Italy, after hosting lavish pre-wedding festivities in France.

The much-talked about couple has been dubbed Kimye since becoming an item.



Kim Kardashian, left, and Kanye West arrive at The Metropolitan Museum of Art’s Costume Institute benefit gala celebrating “China: Through the Looking Glass” on Monday, May 4, 2015, in New York.

Colorful dragons from around the world meet in Poland

KRAKOW, Poland (AP)—Colorful dragons made from paper, fabric and plastic came from around the world to the Polish city of Krakow for the 15th annual Dragon Festival.

The weekend festival began with an evening show Saturday on the Vistula river that involved the dragons, laser lights, boats and torches. Sunday was marked by a parade of dragons from about 30 nations down the

streets of Krakow, which is also famous for its own legend of a dragon under the Royal Wawel Castle Hill.

In the tale, the king asked the clever shoemaker Dratewka to free Krakow from the ever-hungry dragon that was decimating the herds. Dratewka wrapped some sulfur and tar in a sheep’s skin. When he ate it, the dragon ran to drink from the Vistula, and drank until it burst.

Judy Blume shares an old regret at BookCon gathering

NEW YORK (AP)—Judy Blume, whose novels helped millions of young people get through childhood, has some regrets about her own youth.

The 77-year-old writer says she had been in an “advanced” high school glee club in New Jersey that excluded blacks.

Blume was interviewed on stage Sunday by fellow author Jennifer Weiner at BookCon, the fan-based gathering held at the Jacob K. Javits Center in

New York.

Blume says she apologized to classmates at a 40th anniversary reunion and remembers saying, “I felt guilty for all these years” about not speaking out.

Blume says she had mentioned the glee club while writing her new novel, “In The Unlikely Event,” inspired by three plane crashes in her native Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 1951-52, but removed the material because it didn’t fit the narrative.

Parents welcome daughters’ boyfriends into the family

DEAR ABBY: We have two lovely daughters in their 20s. The older one lives with her boyfriend. They are expecting a baby soon. Our younger daughter lives with us, and she’s planning on moving in with her boyfriend.

We’re an old married couple, and we’re not sure how to treat our daughters’ boyfriends. However, “Gerald” is the father of our new grandchild, and we think of him as family. “Joel” is a great guy who is in love with our younger daughter and vice versa, so we think of him as family, too.

We stumbled through the holidays not knowing if we should get gifts for them. Joel is having a birthday soon. Should we get him a gift? We want to bring the boyfriends into our family and treat them like our children, but we don’t know if we’re overstepping our bounds. Can we start treating them like sons and wait for them to correct us?

STUMBLING IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR STUMBLING: Stop stumbling. I can’t think of a better way to draw your daughters’ significant others into your family than to open your hearts, let them know they are welcome and treat them that way.

DEAR ABBY: I’m 17 and will start my senior year of high school next fall. Recently, I started talking to this boy in my cooking class named “Ethan.” He’s a year older, but I decided to make the first move. We went on a few dates and he was quiet, reserved

and respectful. Overall, he’s a nice guy.

At first the fact that he’s only an inch taller than I am bothered me. But then he told me about a foot deformity he has. He said two of his toes on each foot are attached and he calls them “webbed.” When he sent me a photo one day to prove it, I realized his toes were almost entirely attached and I freaked out. I don’t know how to feel. Am I being shallow?

NERVOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NERVOUS: No, I think you’re being foolish. Ethan’s toes are HIS issue, and you appear to be making it yours. You say he’s a nice guy. Try to remember you are not dating his feet, you are dating the person to which they are appended, and a person’s toes are not the measure of his character.

P.S. This is an excellent example of why it’s unwise to send photos of one’s anatomy.

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married for the second time. Some of the guests were invited to her first wedding and will be invited to her second one as well.

As her mother, I don’t feel right about expecting certain guests who have already given her one wedding gift to give her another at the second wedding. How would you suggest we convey to this “select group” that a gift is not expected from them? Would it be proper to state something such as “Your presence is our present”?

MOTHER OF THE BRIDE, AGAIN

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR MOTHER OF THE BRIDE: NO mention of gifts should be made in your daughter’s wedding invitation. I agree that guests who gave your daughter gifts for her first wedding should not feel compelled to buy her anything more than a token gift for this one. This goes for ANY guest who attended the first wedding, not just “select” guests, whatever that means. Any discussion regarding gifts should be done verbally by you if you are hosting the wedding.

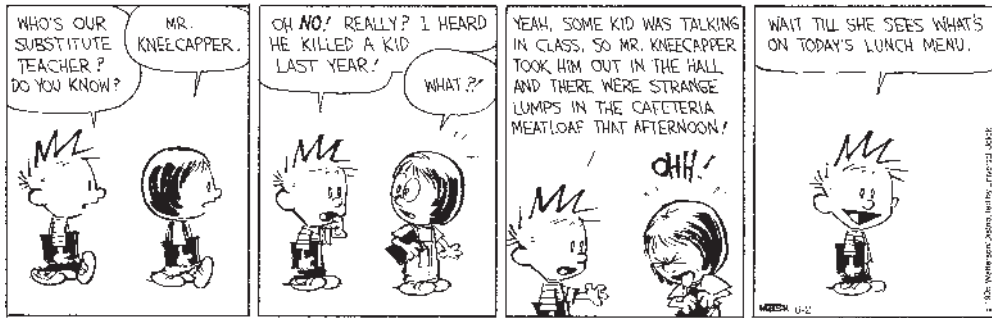
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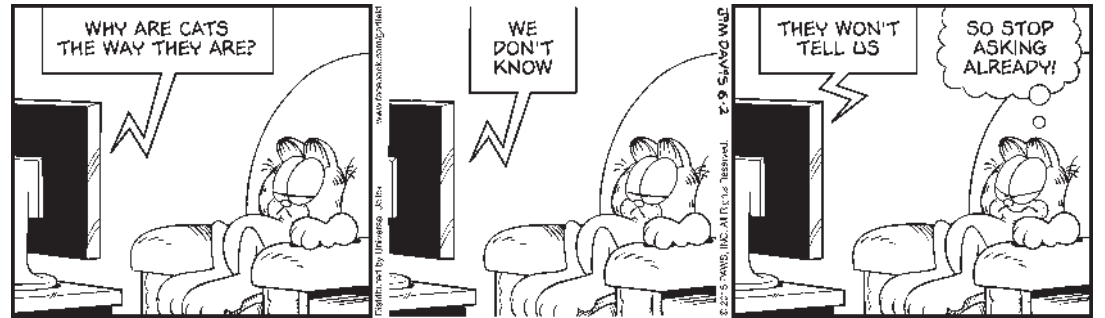
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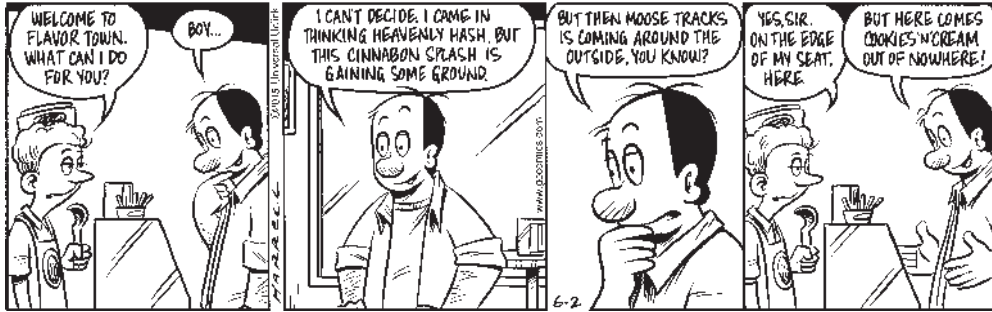
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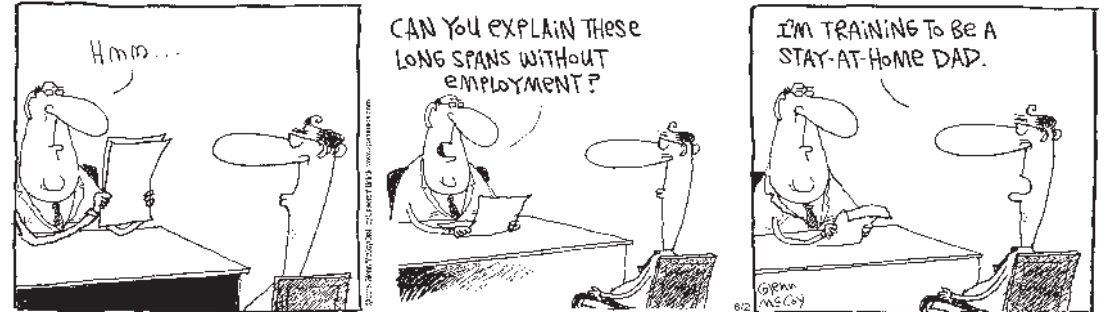
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By Eugene Sheffer

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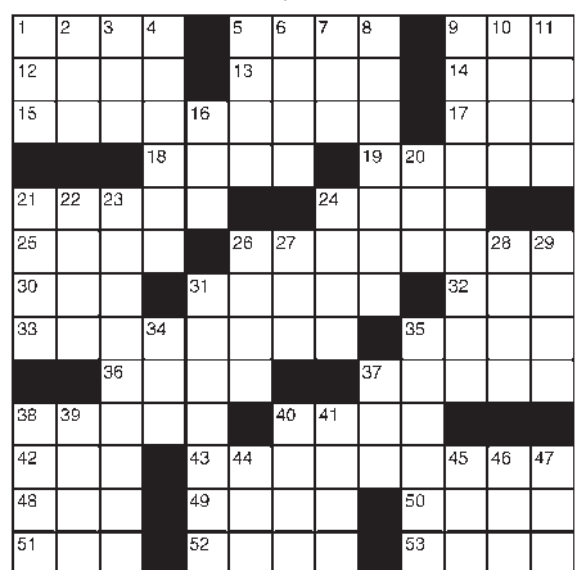
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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 6-2



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Justin Long, 37; Zachary Quinto, 38; Dana Carvey, 60; Dennis Haysbert, 61.

Happy Birthday: You can achieve greater security and stability if you follow through and take care of unfinished business. Get rid of the old and replace with vibrant new beginnings. You will have the opportunity to master the skills that can help you take on future challenges. It's up to you to take advantage of what's being offered. Your numbers are 1, 9, 16, 21, 25, 34, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your mind will be on money, legal, health and contractual matters. Negotiations will turn in your favor if you are explicit about what you need to keep things moving forward. Don't let anyone bully you and you will gain respect and satisfaction. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't overdo it. Someone may try to persuade you to do something that is likely to cost you emotionally or financially. Spend time learning and researching whatever you want to purchase or pursue. Protect your assets. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Present your plans and see what kind of response you get. Speak freely and initiate moving forward even if it means doing so alone. Your stress will diminish as your plans start to take shape. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let a change of plans stop you from moving forward. Problems with financial, legal or medical institutions and government agencies can be expected if you have unintentionally over-

looked important documentation. Slow down and do things correctly. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pay attention to details. Make sure to give a personal touch to whatever you are working on and you will capture the attention of someone who can contribute to your success. Don't feel the need to go overboard; it's quality, not quantity, that counts. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep a low profile and avoid getting into a debate with anyone at work or at home. Take pride in what you do and refuse to let anyone take credit for your hard work. Work alone, remain rational and avoid conflict. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will inspire and be inspired if you take part in a course, demonstration or conference that has meaning for you. A change with an important relationship will develop once you realize the motives behind your connection. ★★★★★

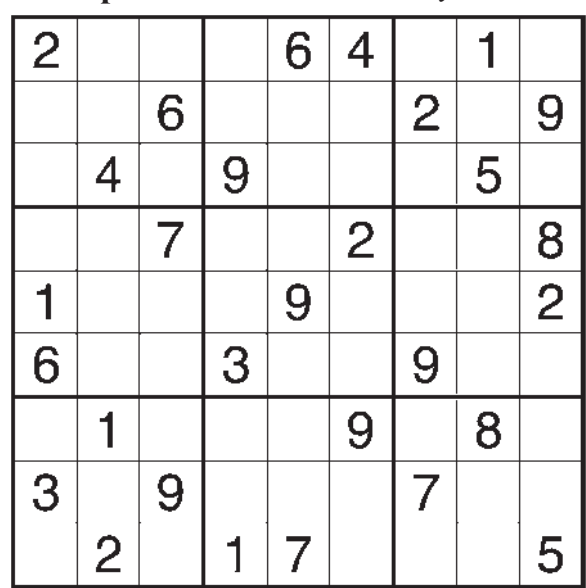
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Time is money, so don't waste it discussing things you have already decided to do. Don't hold back; let others know where you stand and what your plans are. Once the groundwork is in place, you can make your presentation and promote your work. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let boredom get the best of you. Live the dream and make the changes that will make you happy. Partnerships look promising, but keeping a written record of who does what will help you avoid squabbles later on. ★★★

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

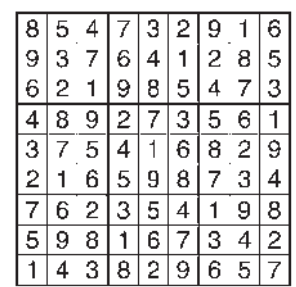


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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



Difficulty Level ★

EUGENIA LAST

THE LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect the unexpected. Prepare to protect your possessions and your assets. Someone you trust will let you down. A change of heart will give you an out that should not be ignored. Take what's yours and keep moving away from negativity. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your thing and don't look back. You can present your plan and pick up support and potential partners as you go. A chance to make a vocational change is within your reach. Home improvements will pay off. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Counting on others will lead to arguments and disappointments. Follow your heart and your passions and you will achieve your goals. A new look will boost your confidence. Leave time to celebrate your successes and accomplishments with someone you love. ★★

Birthday Baby: you are inquisitive, thoughtful and energetic. You are sensitive and compassionate.

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Federer-Monfils halted after 2 sets; Sharapova doesn't play



PARIS (AP)—Roger Federer could be excused if he has a restless night.

With thick gray clouds overhead and light slipping away at the end of a rainy day, Federer got broken by Gael Monfils to even their French Open fourth-round match at a set apiece, right before play was suspended Sunday.

They met on the sideline to chat with the chair umpire, then clasped hands, and Monfils gave Federer a playful pat on the shoulder. Spectators at Court Philippe Chatrier booed and whistled upon hearing there'd be no more tennis.

Federer, the 17-time Grand Slam champion, and Monfils, the flamboyant Frenchman who won their two most recent encounters, will resume Monday. At least they finished two sets, with Federer taking the first 6-3, and Monfils winning the second 6-4.

Two women's matches did not begin at all Sunday, including defending champion Maria Sharapova against Lucie Safarova.

In the quarterfinals, Federer or Monfils will face Federer's Swiss Davis Cup teammate Stan Wawrinka, seeded eighth, who had no trouble beating 12th-seeded Frenchman Gilles Simon 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

Wawrinka said he'll be watching the rest of Federer-Monfils "like any tennis fan."

On the other half of the draw, No. 5 Kei Nishikori became the first Japanese man in 82 years to reach the quarterfinals in Paris, eliminating Teymuraz Gabashvili 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

"I hope it's just the start of my journey and I hope I can keep going," said Nishikori, who had three days off because his third-round opponent withdrew with an injury.

The only other man from his country to make it this far at this tournament was Jiro Satoh, a semifinalist in 1931 and 1933.

Next for Nishikori is No. 14 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France, who overcame a mid-match lapse to defeat No. 4 Tomas Berdych 6-3, 6-2, 6-7 (5), 6-3.

Tsonga, the 2008 Australian Open



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to France's Gael Monfils during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Sunday, May 31, 2015 in Paris.

runner-up, served for the match at 5-4 in the third set but got broken, and his sloppy play carried into the tiebreaker.

"I had a little bit of a dip, when I fell back into my bad, old ways," Tsonga said. "I've been working a lot with my

coaches to limit that."

Had he managed to close things out earlier, or if a rain delay of about 2 1/2 hours hadn't interrupted action in the afternoon, Federer and Monfils might have finished. They didn't get on court

until after 7 p.m. and competed for less than 70 minutes.

With the temperature in the low 60s (teens Celsius), Monfils covered up with a blanket and blew his nose into a tissue during a changeover.

As natural light disappeared—there are no artificial lights at Roland Garros, and a roof won't arrive before 2019—the chair umpire reminded fans they shouldn't use a flash while taking photos during points.

Monfils got broken while serving for the second set at 5-3, and Federer—who lost in the fourth round last year—had an opening to perhaps steal a two-set lead. But Monfils responded in the next game, winning an 18-stroke exchange with a forehand to earn to set point, then converting with a backhand that drew roars from the crowd.

Monfils leaped, yelled "Allez!" and waved both arms to ask for more noise.

Moments later, everyone was sent home, setting up quite a schedule Monday. Along with Federer-Monfils and Sharapova-Safarova, there will be matches featuring Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Serena Williams.

In a women's match Sunday, No. 7 Ana Ivanovic beat No. 9 Ekaterina Makarova 7-5, 3-6, 6-1 to return to the quarterfinals for the first time since winning the 2008 title.

"On the one hand, it does feel like it's a different life. On the other hand, I feel like time is really flying. I feel it hasn't been that many years," said Ivanovic, who briefly was ranked No. 1 after winning her lone Grand Slam trophy. "I definitely do have the feeling it's amazing."

Her match was halted by rain after five games, and tournament officials wavered about when to resume.

"It was like, 'OK, in half an hour. In half an hour. In half an hour.' So it was really not easy to relax and refocus," Ivanovic said. "I was really happy I managed to keep composed."

She'll play No. 19 Elina Svitolina, a 20-year-old from Ukraine who reached her first major quarterfinal with a 6-2, 7-6 (9) victory over No. 29 Alize Cornet.

In the second set, Cornet berated the chair umpire over a line call, daring her to "give me a warning" and saying the official "stole" a point. Later, Cornet referred to the ruling as "a shame" and "a scandal."

Winning bells: Bowditch takes Nelson at site of wedding



IRVING, Texas (A P)—Steven Bowditch already had wedding photos from the 18th green at the home of the AT&T Byron Nelson.

Now there are plenty of images of the Australian holding a big trophy after winning in his adopted home.

Bowditch rode his best birdie binge on the PGA Tour to a 5-under 64 and a four-shot victory Sunday in the Nelson, making him two-for-Texas in career titles after winning the Texas Open in San Antonio last year.

A Dallas-area resident for 10 years, Bowditch had 27 birdies while becoming the seventh player to lead all four rounds of the event. Playing next to the resort hotel where he got married four years ago, the 31-year-old Bowditch finished at 18-under 259 on the rain-altered TPC Four Seasons layout.

"You know, taking photos on the green today was probably—wasn't probably, it's definitely the second best

time I've had on that green—since we got married," Bowditch said in the interview room while wife Amanda watched from the back.

Charley Hoffman (65), Texan Jimmy Walker (66) and Scott Pinckney (66) tied for second at 14 under. Zach Johnson shot a 63 to finish alone in fifth at 13 under.

Hometown favorite and Masters champion Jordan Spieth stayed at 7 under after an even-par 69.

Playing with Bowditch in the final group, Dustin Johnson briefly overtook him early in the round before making an 8 at the par-4 sixth. He finished at 11 under with a 69.

Before the highs of getting married and winning at the home of the Nelson, Bowditch endured the low of a suicide attempt at his Dallas home while battling depression in 2006, not long after he moved to the U.S.

"My personal life is my personal life," said Bowditch, who jumped 52 spots to No. 16 in FedEx Cup points and qualified for next year's Masters.

"It's closed doors and, you know, it's built me into the person I am today. Every win is special. This is just another one."

A sunny day wrapped up two otherwise soggy weeks of golf in Dallas-Fort Worth starting with Colonial. A 5-inch overnight downpour after the first round of the Nelson turned one of its toughest holes—the par-4 14th—into a pitch-and-putt par 3 of barely 100 yards for the final three rounds.

While birdies were the norm after easy wedge shots from what might normally be a drop area in front of a greenside pond, Bowditch had to save par from about 12 feet to keep a three-shot lead, pumping his right fist after the ball dropped in.

The temporary tee box was about 20 yards farther back Sunday, and tour officials believe par of under 70 was a first according to records going back to 1983. The overall par total was 277.

Up by three at the spectator-friendly 17th, Bowditch leaned like he thought his tee shot on the par 3 might go in the

water to the right of the green. Instead, the ball flew over the pin and landed safely on the back, and Bowditch raised his putter as the putt rolled in to punctuate the win.

"I was trying to hit it 30 feet left of the stick," Bowditch said. "It was eyes closed and stomach to the floor a little bit."

Spieth had an opening birdie but quickly gave it back at the par-3 2nd. He went in the water twice for bogeys on the back nine, including on 17 a day after he gave big galleries that followed him all week their biggest thrill by almost hitting the pin on the fly on the 198-yard hole.

After getting within three shots of the lead halfway through the tournament, Spieth never did threaten and ended his streak of second-place finishes in all three previous Texas events this year. The 21-year-old Dallas player tied for 30th five years after finishing 16th in his first tour event as a 16-year-old amateur.

"I really tried to soak it in today,"

Spieth said. "I was getting frustrated this week just trying so hard, which is what I've done in past years as well. I don't know if that's going to stop in the future."

Johnson birdied two of the first three holes even though he missed the first four greens, but the erratic start caught up with him at No. 6. Johnson went out of bounds to the right off the tee, then way left into tall grass off the rough with his second tee shot. It took him three swings to get out on his way to a quadruple bogey.

Walker, who won the Texas Open not far from home in March, also held the lead on the front nine but missed short putts for par on 11 and 12. He tried to make a late run with an eagle chip at the par-5 16th and a birdie on 17, but Bowditch answered with birdies on both holes.

"I had told myself going into 15, you know, birdie, eagle would be big," Walker said. "But Steven played great today and hats off."

To the groom.

Martinez honors late Taveras, pitches Cardinals over Dodgers



ST. LOUIS (AP)—Carlos Martinez wiped away tears during a pregame tribute to late teammate Oscar Taveras, then allowed just one hit through seven scoreless innings to lead the St. Louis Cardinals over the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-1 Sunday.

Jhonny Peralta homered and drove in all three runs for the Cardinals.

On the one-year anniversary of Taveras' major league debut, his family was on the field to honor him. Taveras and his girlfriend were killed in a car accident in his native Dominican Republic in October.

Martinez was close friends with Taveras, and is wearing the outfielder's No. 18 this season.

Martinez (5-2) struck out eight and extended his scoreless-inning streak to 20 1-3.

Rookie Joc Pederson hit his 13th homer in the eighth.

Brett Anderson (2-3) took the loss.

Twins 6, Blue Jays 5

In Minneapolis, Trevor Plouffe hit a two-run homer and Torii Hunter had a go-ahead double in the seventh inning as the Twins beat the Blue Jays.

Ryan Pressly (3-1) got two outs for the win, and the Twins overcame an early injury to starter Ricky Nolasco to win two of three in the series. A sore right ankle ended Nolasco's bid for a sixth straight victory in the second inning.

The Blue Jays led 5-4 in the seventh after Josh Donaldson's 15th homer, but a throwing error by shortstop Jose Reyes allowed Aaron Hicks to reach safely in the bottom half against Roberto Osuna (1-2). One out later, Brian Dozier singled and then Hunter launched a two-run double over Chris Colabello's head in left field.

Blaine Boyer worked a scoreless eighth and Glen Perkins pitched the ninth for his major league-leading 19th save in 19 chances.

Brewers 7, Diamondbacks 6, 17 innings

In Milwaukee, Martin Maldonado homered with one out in the bottom of the 17th inning as the Brewers outlasted the Diamondbacks to end a seven-game losing streak.

The catcher hit the first pitch from reliever Vidal Nuno (0-1) over the wall in center field to start a well-earned celebration. Maldonado slid into home as his tired but giddy teammates surrounded the plate.

Making his first relief appearance since 2010, Matt Garza (3-7) threw five scoreless innings. He stranded a runner in scoring position in the 13th, 15th and 17th.

It was the longest game at Miller Park since Milwaukee lost 4-2 to the Chicago Cubs in 17 innings on May 15, 2003.

Maldonado caught all 17 innings and went 4 for 6 with three runs and two RBIs. He doubled in a two-run sixth that helped Milwaukee rally from a 5-1 deficit.

Indians 6, Mariners 3

In Seattle, Michael Brantley drew a bases-loaded walk in the 12th inning from reliever Dominic Leone as the Indians beat the Mariners.

The Indians outthit Seattle 18-5, and took advantage of Leone's control trouble to win.

Lonnie Chisenhall drew a leadoff walk from Leone (0-4), the Mariners'



St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Carlos Martinez reacts after striking out Los Angeles Dodgers' Alex Guerrero during the seventh inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 31, 2015, in St. Louis.

eighth pitcher. With one out, Jose Ramirez doubled off first baseman Logan Morrison's glove.

Jason Kipnis was intentionally walked to load the bases and Brantley walked with two outs. David Murphy followed with a two-run single.

Zach McAllister (1-2) got the win and Austin Adams pitched the 12th for his first save.

White Sox 6, Astros 0

In Houston, John Danks earned his first shutout of the season to help the White Sox defeat the Astros.

Adam LaRoche homered and Conor Gillaspie went 2 for 4 with two RBIs for the White Sox, who won two of three against the first-place Astros.

A day after being blanked by Dallas Keuchel's four-hit shutout on Saturday, the White Sox responded behind a solid performance from Danks (2-4).

Danks entered Sunday with an 0-2 record and a 9.28 ERA in two starts at Houston. He was 0-3 with a 9.15 ERA in four starts against the Astros, but put it all behind him on Sunday.

It was Danks' third career shutout and first since August 2011 against Seattle. Danks threw 118 pitches, 82 for strikes, walking one and striking out six.

Rays 9, Orioles 5

In Baltimore, Steve Souza Jr. homered for the third time in three games as the Rays provided right-hander Jake Odorizzi a rare show of offensive support in a victory over the Orioles.

Souza hit a three-run drive off Chris Tillman (2-7) in the fifth inning for a 6-2 lead. His 10 home runs are tops among AL rookies and twice that of any teammate.

David DeJesus also homered and Joey Butler had a career-high four hits for the Rays, who took two of three for their first series win in five tries since mid-May.

Delmon Young and Manny Machado had two home runs apiece for the Orioles.

Odorizzi (4-5) came in with a 2.31 ERA but had lost three straight starts due primarily to lack of offensive backing. The Rays have tallied six runs in his five losses, and their output Sun-

day was more than in his previous four starts combined.

Cubs 2, Royals 1, 11 innings

In Chicago, David Ross hit an RBI single with one out in the 11th inning, lifting the Cubs over the Royals.

The Cubs and Royals split the abbreviated two-game series. Saturday's game was rained out and will be made up at Wrigley Field during the last week of the regular season.

Ross delivered the fifth game-ending hit of his career, a bases-loaded single just beyond the reach of shortstop Alcides Escobar, who tried to make a sliding, over-the-shoulder catch.

Earlier in the inning, Dexter Fowler was thrown out at the plate by left fielder Alex Gordon when he tried to score on a single.

Zac Rosscup (2-1) struck out Salvador Perez with runners on first and third with two outs in the 11th.

Ryan Madson (0-1) walked Fowler to begin the 11th.

Mets 4, Marlins 3

In New York, Bartolo Colon became the NL's top winner this season, helping himself with an RBI double and getting a five-out save from closer Jeurys Familia to lead the Mets over the Marlins.

Ruben Tejada hit a tiebreaking double in the seventh and Familia struck out Giancarlo Stanton in a rare eighth-inning appearance as the Mets avoided a three-game sweep.

The 42-year-old Colon (8-3) gave up six hits and three runs without walking a batter in seven innings. He ended May on a positive note after struggling in the month, and matched Seattle ace Felix Hernandez for the most wins in the majors.

Filling in at third base for injured captain David Wright, Tejada followed his tying three-run double Saturday with a drive to the wall in left off demoted closer Steve Cishek (1-5), enabling the Mets to finish their homestand 4-2.

Rockies 4, Phillies 1

In Philadelphia, DJ LeMahieu homered and had three hits, Nolan Arenado also went deep as the surging Rockies beat Philadelphia to hand the Phillies their

season-worst seventh consecutive defeat.

Chris Rusin (1-0) replaced injured starter Jordan Lyles with one out in the second and pitched 4 2-3 scoreless innings to help the Rockies win their fourth straight and seventh in eight games.

The Phillies' losing streak is their longest since dropping eight in a row in July 2013. Philadelphia was swept at home by Colorado for the first time in club history.

Offense continued to be a problem for the Phillies, who have scored 12 runs during their skid. They finished with seven hits.

Lyles re-aggravated an injury to his left big toe, which he sprained in his previous start, when he tried to avoid Cody Asche's line-drive single up the middle.

Braves 7, Giants 5

In San Francisco, Jace Peterson tripled with the bases loaded in Atlanta's four-run ninth inning to lead the Braves to a victory over the Giants.

Santiago Casilla (4-1) blew his third save, allowing four runs and three hits.

Nick Masset (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the win. Jason Grilli got the final three outs for his 15th save in 16 chances.

Casilla got the first out of the inning but Freddie Freeman, who entered the game in the seventh, hit a towering home run into the center field bleachers.

Rangers 4, Red Sox 3

In Arlington, Texas, Josh Hamilton had a pinch-hit and a two-run double with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning as the Rangers beat the Red Sox.

Hamilton lined a double into the left-center field gap on a 1-1 pitch off Koji Uehara (2-2).

Hanser Alberto led off the ninth reaching on a fielding error by third baseman Pablo Sandoval. After Delino DeShields had a sacrifice bunt and Shin-Soo Choo grounded out, Price Fielder was intentionally walked—and then scored the game-winning run from first.

Hamilton was pinch-hitting for Adam Rosales, who had earlier replaced Adrian Beltre after the third baseman sprained and cut his left thumb sliding in the fifth inning. Beltre is out at least two weeks.

Athletics 3, Yankees 0

In Oakland, California, Jesse Chavez pitched eight impressive innings and Stephen Vogt hit a two-run homer to give the Athletics their first series win since the beginning of May with a victory over the Yankees.

Chavez (2-5) was extremely efficient in snapping his three-game losing streak and even got some rare run support when Vogt broke open a scoreless game with his homer in the sixth against Adam Warren. Chavez allowed seven hits and no walks, striking out six.

Chavez and Tyler Clippard protected that lead to help the A's take three of four from New York for their first series win since winning two of three against Texas from May 1-3. Oakland had lost five series and split one since then.

Clippard got three outs for his seventh save in eight chances.

Reds 8, Nationals 2

In Cincinnati, Todd Frazier and Brandon Phillips each homered and drove in two runs as the Reds completed a three-game sweep of the Nationals.

Phillips snapped a 2-2 tie with an RBI single off Aaron Barrett (3-1) in the seventh inning, and Frazier followed with a run-scoring double, sparking a six-run inning.

The Reds have won four of their past five games after a nine-game losing streak and swept the NL East leaders for the first time since Aug. 26-28, 2011.

The Reds have won three straight games for the first time since May 12-14. The Nationals have lost three straight games for the first time since a six-game losing streak from April 22 through April 27.

Angels 4, Tigers 2

In Anaheim, California, Johnny Giavotella hit a tiebreaking, two-run single with the bases loaded in the eighth inning, making up for an earlier error that helped the Tigers score the tying run, and the Angels completed a four-game sweep.

David Price (4-2) gave up a leadoff walk to David Freese and an infield single by Chris Iannetta, who was safe at first when third baseman Andrew Romine fielded his high chopper and pulled Miguel Cabrera off the bag with a hurried throw.

Kole Calhoun advanced both runners with a sacrifice bunt, and Price intentionally walked Grant Green before retiring pinch-hitter Carlos Perez on a popup with his 121st and final pitch. Giavotella grounded Joba Chamberlain's second pitch up the middle.

Padres 7, Pirates 1

In San Diego, Odriamer Despaigne pitched eight strong innings, and Will Middlebrooks homered and drove in three runs in the Padres' win over the Pirates.

Despaigne (3-3) held the Pirates scoreless through six innings before Gregory Polanco hit a solo homer off him in the seventh.

The right-hander allowed seven hits, struck out four and walked one in his longest career outing. Despaigne has allowed just three runs over 20 innings in his last three starts.

Middlebrooks homered off Jeff Locke (3-3) in a three-run third inning and added a sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Jed Gyorko had a two-run single in the first inning and Clint Barmes had three hits and an RBI.

The Padres have won four of six after losing eight of 10.

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Latte Sports, Kyodai rule divisions

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The Jokers Latte Sparts and Jonny's Kyodai ruled their respective Thursday B divisions in the Bud Light-Saipan Electronic Darts Association Winter/Spring 2015 season held in various bars on the island last week.

The Latte Sparts and Kyodai both dropped their respective last games but still went on to win the Fanihi and Flame Tree B divisions. The former suffered a 5-10 setback against Sands-Alo Car Rental (132-78), while Real Deal nipped sister team Kyodai, 8-7.

The Latte Sparts compiled a league-best 143-67 record, while Kyodai ended up four games ahead of Naked Fish with 123-87 against the Oneshot's 119-91 card.

The Latte Sparts and Kyodai also earned the top seeding in the Bud Light Cup, which starts on Thursday where they will face the Sands Alamo Car

Rental and the Naked Fish Oneshot (119-91), respectively.

The Route 33 Mixedblood Shooers III (122-88), an 11-4 winner against the VFW Warriors (66-144), will take on the Sand Juvy 80 Proofers (121-89), while the Jokers Preba Darts ((106-104) will meet Oleai Team Fearless (76-134) in the other games.

The Sand Juvy Sunrisers (74-136) visits the Warriors in the other Bud Light Cup match.

In the other Fanihi B results last week, the 80 Proofers trounced the Sunrisers, 9-6, while the Preba Darts slipped past Team Fearless, 8-7.

The Jokers Snipers tripped Naked Fish Na'Gupu, 9-6, while the Serial Killaz and One Shot escaped with similar 8-7 decisions over No Fear and Ridin' Darry. Other results of last week's games are as follows:

Masters

- TDI Summit 10, Destroyers 7
- Scratch 'N' Sniff 9, Pythons 8

- Shoot Balut 12, Darting Chelu's 5

A Division

- 101 Proofers 17, Snipers 0
- Ridin' Darry 14, Sakude! 3
- Voyagers 14, Huntlaw 3
- Mafia 13, Predators 4
- Warriors 9, No Fear 8

Ladies

- Try Luck 10, Kitty Kats 5
- Pasawayz 9, Vicious Darts 6

Tuesday B

- Dabarkadz 15, Dartaholics 0
- Atarashi Boyz 12, Titans 3
- Pasaways 8, Like It Or Not 7

Chichirika C

- Tokers 11, Bull-It 4
- Jump It 11, Blue Koi's 4

Kingfisher C

- Spartans 11, Hafa Mas 4
- High Flyers 8, Chagi Fan 7
- Dart Knights 10, Sea-Ricks 5

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Hopwood had five different players scoring in the first half, but none of them canned more than one field goal in the opening frame. Samantha Francisco, who was held to 2 points in the first half after sizzling for 22 in their 43-27 semis win over Dandan Middle School last week, picked up her scoring in the second, notching. However, those were already garbage points late in the second half as Hopwood 2 never made headway early in that period.

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ers each at the start of the match before Nak Nakashima reported for duty for the Ol'Aces in third period.

The third canto ended with the Sonics still in the game, 32-44, and even moved to within 7, 39-46, in the opening minutes of the final frame before the Ol'Aces capitalized on the former's lack of defenders. Jonathan and Jesse Santos alternately delivered the killer blows for the Ol'Aces in the fourth en route to their 21-point winning margin.

Meanwhile, in the first semis match last Friday, Armatech also had a depleted roster, but managed to pull it through with a strong start.

Armatech, which began the match

Hopwood 2 also could not fight back in the second half, as it failed to stop Alipio. The Hopwood 1 gunner went on to close the one-sided game with six straight points besides her 4 other markers early in the second half. Deleon Guerrero and Duenas converted the two other baskets for Hopwood 1.

Former CNMI National Team player Connie Camacho coached the champion squad, which is also composed of Deviah Ybanez, Kathleen Gilles, Mayiah Duenas, Tiann Camacho, Brianna and Mary Cabrera, Carl Balleste-

ros, Edrienne Ganiban, Jessme Jones, Angel Sally, and Jorianne Cabrera.

Meanwhile, Hopwood 1 was battling Chacha Oceanview Junior High School for the boys division championship at press time last night. Results of the boys finale will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Wednesday edition.

Hopwood 1 44 – Alipio 26, Negara 10, Deleon Guerrero 4, Duenas 4.

Hopwood 2 21 – Francisco 8, Tinio 4, Valino 4, Malasarte 2, Raulson 2, Santos 1.

Scoring by halves: 30-9, 44-21.

the first half.

Friday Game

Armtech 86 – Espinosa 20, Cruz 18, Fidelino 15, Mendoza 12, Deocares 10, Santos 4.

Blue Haus 71 – Borja 26, Kwon 11, Malonzo 10, Factor 7, Gilles 6, Manalili 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-11, 41-24, 60-48, 86-71.

Saturday Game

Ol'Aces 69 – Jo. Santos 22, Je. Santos 21, Palino 12, Yu 4, Nakashima 4, Lampkin 6.

Sonics 48 – De Guzman 13, Rabasto 11, Aranda 11, Dela Rosa 7, Tekopua 6.

Scoring by quarters: 22-12, 28-21, 44-32, 69-48.

Mazda3i from Triple J Five Star Wholesale Foods and Hertz Rent A Car, two round-trip airline tickets to the United States or Canada from Delta Air Lines, airline tickets from Asiana Airlines, and \$3,000 cash from Traders Insurance.

HANMI celebrates its 30th anniversary of "Building a Stronger Commonwealth with You" this year. A voluntary association representing 12 hotels and numerous supporting industries in the Northern Mariana Islands, HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. Member hotels are staffed with approximately 1,600 employees providing service to more than 2,500 guest rooms. A portion of the tournament proceeds will go toward charitable organizations.

Registration forms are also available at Mariana Country Club, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Fiesta Resort & Spa, Hyatt Regency Saipan, and LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort. Early bird tournament fee is \$110 for payments received by 3pm, June 18. The fee includes green fee and the awards banquet. The fee increases to \$130 af-

ter the early bird deadline. For an additional \$30, players may also compete for nearest to the pin, most accurate drive, and most accurate drive circle hole. The tournament will start at 7am.

The tournament features two categories: Championship and Blackjack Double Peoria. First place winners of the Championship Flight will receive \$500, a trophy, and a hotel stay at one of the HANMI member hotels. Second place finishers will receive \$300 and one-night stay gift certificate from one HANMI's member hotels, and third place winners will receive \$200 and one-night stay gift certificate from one HANMI's member hotels.

In the Blackjack Double Peoria category, winners of the 1st-5th place will each receive \$500, winners of the 6th-10th place will each receive \$300, and winners of the 11th-15th place will each receive \$200. Winners for the 1st-5th place will also each receive a hotel room night stay.

Five consolations prizes of \$100 each and five consolation prizes of lunch gift certificates will also be awarded. (HANMI)

NMIFA to hold 3v3 tourney this weekend



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association will be holding the 2015 NMIFA 3v3 Grassroots Football Day Tournament this Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

The one-day event was originally slated for May 16, but was postponed due to Tropical Storm Dolphin. The 3v3 competition was also supposed to be held in celebration of the AFC Grassroots Football Day.

Sixteen teams will be participating in the rescheduled event with squads from U8, U10, and U12 age groups battling for their respective division crowns. The U8 division has three teams in Kanoa Football Club, Paire

FC, and Tinian Premier FC. In the U10 division, Tinian will be fielding two squads to challenge teams from Paire FC, Shirley's FC, and Kanoa FC. Kanoa has also entered one team in U12 Division B and two in Division A, while Paire and Tinian have one each in the two groups, and Shirley's is fielding one in Division B.

The 2015 NMIFA 3v3 Grassroots Football Day Tournament will cap the spring season of NMIFA, which earlier concluded its youth league last month. Matansa Football Club ruled the girls U15 spring league, while MP United prevailed in the co-ed U12, and Tan Holdings topped both the boys U15 and U18 age groups. (Roselyn B. Monroyo)

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800m run with 2:32.41 to beat last year's time of 2:35.93 and in the 1,500m middle distance at 5:42.57 against Saipan International School's Rintaro Miyawaki's 5:54.26.

Skerei capped his amazing feat with an 11.95m throw in shot put to improve Tinian's Joshua Hofschneider's record of 9.25m in last year's event.

His five gold medals were part of the Hopwood boys combined 15-medal haul as the boys collected 8-3-4 gold-silver-bronze.

Noel Cabrera (12.41), Skerei's teammate, and Agape Christian Academy's David Cai (12.88) settled for the silver and bronze in the boys U14 100m run, while Tarrence Babauta (1:05.78) and Rico Reyes (1:11.89), also both from Hopwood, finished second and third in the 400m run.

Saipan Community School's Ken Song (2:42.77) and Dandan Middle School's Audie Ostonal (2:47.40) were the second and third place finishers in the 800m run, while Mathew Reyes of DMS (5:46.65) and ACS' Jonathan Xiong (5:47.42) duplicated their feat in the 1500m run.

Eric Kiser of SIS had the second best throw in the shot put event with 9.01m, while Hofschneider settled for

the bronze with 8.98m.

Cabrera was also a multiple gold medalist after ruling the 60m run (7.53 seconds), long jump where he broke B.J. Norita's 4.27m with a leap of 5.33m, and javelin throw with 29.0m.

Rico Reyes (Hopwood, 7.96 seconds) and Tarrence Babauta (San Antonio Middle School, 8.12) placed second and third in the 60m run; while Hofschneider and Mico Ucherbelau also bested Norita's record with leaps of 4.97m and 4.91m, respectively to settle for silver and bronze in the long jump event.

Omar Rony (silver, 23.08m) and Ucherbelau (bronze, 22.10m) completed Hopwood's sweep in the boy's U14 javelin throw.

Xiong bounced back by copping the 3,000m run gold with the fastest time of 12:33.26 to reset Haruya Eda's 2014 record of 12:52.14. San Antonio Middle School's Lawrence Fleming also broke Eda's mark with 12:47.63 but settled for silver, while ACS' David Cai finished third (13:04.62).

Hofschneider gave Tinian the discus throw gold medal with a throw of 23.88m, while Whispering Palms' Cole Chambers (22.26m) and Kiser (21.50m) bagged the silver and bronze.

DMS' Reyes topped the 200m run with a time of 27.02 seconds to beat SAMS' Babauta (27.40) and Hopwood's Cabrera (28.01).

2014-2015 MISO Outrigger Canoe Finals

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ



The Saipan Paddling Club participates in a men's open race during last Saturday's finals of the 2014-2015 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Outrigger Canoe Finals at Kilili Beach Park.



Members of Marianas Outrigger Canoe compete against two other clubs in a special open race.



The Kagman High School girls team still joined the race despite missing one member.



The Marianas High School Lady Dolphins slows down.



Former three-time boys champion Marianas High School makes a turn.



The Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays celebrate after winning the 1,500m finals.



The Saipan Southern High School girls team paddles to a second place finish in the 500m finals.



The Saipan Southern boys outrigger canoe team savors their victory.



MHS team captain Jen Savellano, right, raises their trophy after the Lady Dolphins collected their fourth straight and fifth overall MISO outrigger canoe title.



All participating schools pose for a group photo.



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Hopwood 1 clinches championship

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Hopwood Junior High School 1 dominated Hopwood 2 in the finals, 44-21, to bag the girls championship in the 2015 PSS Basketball League yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Hopwood 1 proved to be the team equipped with better fundamental skills in the title match marked with a lot of helter-skelter plays. The eventual champion also had the most outstanding player in the division in Chevy Kate Alipio, who drilled 26 points in the finale to surpass the output of the entire Hopwood 2 crew.



Alipio took charge early, firing 14 points in the first half to power Hopwood 2 to a huge 30-9 advantage over their

sister team. To make things worse for Hopwood 2, Alipio found an ally in Christine Nagara in the first 20 minutes of play with the latter also hitting double figures with her 10 markers. Joshalyne Duenas and Lizann Deleon Guerrero also made it to the board in the first half for Hopwood 1, adding 2 markers apiece.

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Hopwood Junior High School 1's Chevy Kate Alipio drives past her Hopwood 2 defenders during the second half of their title game in the PSS caging yesterday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Skerei PBs highlight Hopwood dominance

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Neldreyton Skerei showed that he too can excel in track and field as the Saipan Little League Baseball standout reset five of last year's records in the recently concluded 12th Public School System/McDonald's All-Schools Athletics Championship.

Skerei, a member of the runner-up Fielders in this year's Junior League division, eclipsed the 2014 times in the boys Under-14 100m, 400m, 800m, and 1,500m runs, and the farthest distance in the shot put event.

Two of the records shattered by the Hopwood Junior High School bet were by former Hilitai J.J. Jones (boys U14 100m and 400m runs).

Skerei began his breakthrough performance by breaking Jones' 2014 mark of 12.14 seconds in the century dash with a time of 12.02 then followed it up by clocking 1:01.56 to improve last year's 400m run record of 1:02.94 also by Jones.

He did not stop from there and collected the gold medals in the

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The Ol'Aces' Jonathan Santos goes up for an acrobatic shot against the Sonics' Jack Aranda during the third quarter of their semis game in the U20 division of the UFO caging last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Ol'Aces vs Armatech for U20 crown

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The Ol'Aces and Armatech will dispute the championship in the U20 division of the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League following their respective semis wins over the weekend at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Ol'Aces arranged a finals showdown with Armatech after outclassing the depleted Sonics, 69-48, in last Saturday's second semis match. In the first Final Four game last Friday, Armatech also eased past Blue Haus, 86-71.

Jonathan and Jesse Santos combined for more than half of the Ol'Aces' total production to lift their team against the Sonics, who topped the regular season but faltered on their finals bid after they

were down to only four players with still 5:09 left in third period.

The Sonics lost wingman Jaymark De Guzman, who was called for his fifth foul for reaching in against Andrew Palino. In was a useless foul, as the Ol'Aces did not have the numbers and Palino was just past midcourt after receiving a pass from Jason Lampkin. The Sonics were behind by only 4, 28-32, when De Guzman committed the costly foul.

The Sonics managed to bring down the deficit to single-digit in the third after trailing by as much as 14 in the first quarter, 4-18. The Ol'Aces had the early upper hand in the battle of short-handed crews with their starting five getting their acts together to outgun the Sonics. Both teams had only five play-

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JON PEREZ

Neldreyton Skerei, left, of Hopwood Junior High School receives his awards from Northern Marianas Athletics secretary general Robin Sapong.